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BISHOP E. R. HENDRIX, President; L. R. AMIS, Secretary.

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TENNESSEE CONFERENCE SESSIONS.—1812-1897.

Time.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.
Nov. 12, 1812.	Fountain Head, Tenn.....	McKendree and Asbury.....	William B. Elgin.
Oct. 1-7, 1813.	Rees's Chapel, Tenn.....	McKendree and Asbury.....	William B. Elgin.
Sept. 29, 1814.	New Chapel, Ky.....	McKendree and Asbury.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Sept. 20-29, 1815.	Bethlehem Meetinghouse, Tenn.....	McKendree and Asbury.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Sept. 23-29, 1816.	Franklin, Tenn.....	William McKendree.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Oct. 30-Nov. 8, 1817.	Franklin, Tenn.....	{ T. L. Douglass, President; then R. R. Roberts.....	Hardy M. Cryer.
Oct. 1, 1818.	Nashville, Tenn.....	McKendree and George.....	Charles Holliday.
Oct. 1, 1819.	Nashville, Tenn.....	McKendree and George.....	Charles Holliday.
Oct. 4, 1820.	Hopkinsville, Ky.....	Marcus Lindsey, President.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Nov. 7, 1821.	Norvell's Meetinghouse, Tenn.*.....	McKendree and Roberts.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Oct. 16, 1822.	Ebenezer, East Tenn.....	Enoch George.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Nov. 26, 1823.	Huntsville, Ala.....	Enoch George.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
—, 1824.	Columbia, Tenn.†.....	Soule and McKendree.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Nov. 10-19, 1825.	Shelbyville, Tenn.....	Soule and Roberts.....	German Baker.
Nov. 28, 1826.	Nashville, Tenn.....	Soule and Roberts.....	German Baker.
—, —	Tuscumbia, Ala.....	Joshua Soule.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Dec. 4, 1828.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.....	Joshua Soule.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Nov. 19, 1829.	Huntsville, Ala.....	{ R. Paine, President; then R. R. Roberts.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Nov. 3, 1830.	Franklin, Tenn.....	Lewis Garrett, President.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Nov. 10, 1831.	Paris, Tenn.....	R. R. Roberts.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Oct. 31, 1832.	Nashville, Tenn.....	James O. Andrew.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Nov. 6, 1833.	Pulaski, Tenn.....	{ McKendree present, but T. L. Douglass presided.....	W. L. McAlister.
Nov. 5, 1834.	Lebanon, Tenn.....	Andrew and McKendree.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Oct. 28, 1835.‡	Florence, Ala.....	Joshua Soule.....	Thos. L. Douglass.
Oct. 5, 1836.	Columbia, Tenn.....	Thomas A. Morris.....	D. C. McLeod.
Oct. 11, 1837.	Somerville, Tenn.....	James O. Andrew.....	John W. Hanner.
Oct. 3, 1838.	Huntsville, Ala.....	F. E. Pitts, President.....	John W. Hanner.
Oct. 9-19, 1839.	Nashville, Tenn.....	James O. Andrew.....	Hanner & Douglass.
Oct. 7, 1840.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.¶.....	James O. Andrew.....	John B. McFerrin.
Oct. 20, 1841.	Clarksville, Tenn.....	Beverly Waugh.....	John B. McFerrin.
Oct. 12, 1842.	Athens, Ala.....	James O. Andrew.....	John B. McFerrin.
Oct. 18, 1843.	Gallatin, Tenn.....	Joshua Soule.....	John B. McFerrin.
Oct. 30, 1844.	Columbia, Tenn.....	E. S. Janes.....	John B. McFerrin.
Oct. 22, 1845.	Huntsville, Ala.....	A. L. P. Green, President.....	.....
Nov. —, 1846.	Nashville, Tenn.....	Joshua Soule.....	.....
Nov. —, 1847.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.....	Robert Paine.....	.....
Nov. 25, 1848.	Clarksville, Tenn.....	Robert Paine.....	.....
Oct. 24, 1849.	Shelbyville, Tenn.....	William Capers.....	.....
Oct. 23-30, 1850.	Athens, Ala.....	James O. Andrew.....	.....
Oct. 29, 1851.	Lebanon, Tenn.....	Robert Paine.....	.....
Oct. 27, 1852.	Pulaski, Tenn.....	James O. Andrew.....	Joseph Cross.
Oct. 12-20, 1853.	Franklin, Tenn.....	James O. Andrew.....	.....
Oct. 5, 1854.	Florence, Ala.....	Robert Paine.....	.....
Oct. 10-18, 1855.	Nashville, Tenn.....	Soule and Kavanaugh.....	W. C. Johnson.
Oct. 8-16, 1856.	Huntsville, Ala.....	Soule and Andrew.....	W. C. Johnson.
Oct. 7-14, 1857.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.....	John Early.....	W. C. Johnson.
Oct. 20-27, 1858.	McMinnville, Tenn.....	James O. Andrew.....	W. C. Johnson.
Oct. 12-20, 1859.	Columbia, Tenn.....	John Early.....	W. C. Johnson.
Oct. 10-18, 1860.	Clarksville, Tenn.....	George F. Pierce.....	Simon P. Whitten.
Oct. 2-8, 1861.	Athens, Ala.....	John Early.....	Simon P. Whitten.
Oct. 15-20, 1862.	Cornersville, Tenn.....	J. B. McFerrin, President.....	Robert A. Young.
No session held in 1863 and 1864 on account of war between the States.		.....	.....
Oct. 4-11, 1865.	Edgefield, Tenn.....	H. H. Kavanaugh.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 24-30, 1866.	Huntsville, Ala.....	H. N. McTyeire.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 23-30, 1867.	Clarksville, Tenn.....	Robert Paine.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 14-21, 1868.	Shelbyville, Tenn.....	H. N. McTyeire.....	Robert A. Young.
Sept. 15-23, 1869.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.....	Robert Paine.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 5-13, 1870.	Pulaski, Tenn.....	David S. Doggett.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 4-9, 1871.	Lebanon, Tenn.....	George F. Pierce.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 16-23, 1872.	Nashville, Tenn.....	David S. Doggett.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 8-15, 1873.	Franklin, Tenn.....	H. N. McTyeire.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 7-13, 1874.	Gallatin, Tenn.....	E. M. Marvin.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 6-12, 1875.	Fayetteville, Tenn.....	W. M. Wightman.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 4-10, 1876.	Columbia, Tenn.....	J. C. Keener.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 3-11, 1877.	Edgefield, Tenn.....	David S. Doggett.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 9-15, 1878.	Clarksville, Tenn.....	H. H. Kavanaugh.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 8-15, 1879.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.....	Paine and Doggett.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 13-19, 1880.	Pulaski, Tenn.....	Paine and McTyeire.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 19-24, 1881.	Lebanon, Tenn.....	H. N. McTyeire.....	Robert A. Young.
Oct. 18-23, 1882.	Franklin, Tenn.....	J. C. Keener.....	W. M. Leftwich.
Oct. 17-22, 1883.	Shelbyville, Tenn.....	George F. Pierce.....	W. M. Leftwich.
Oct. 8-14, 1884.	Nashville, Tenn.....	H. N. McTyeire.....	W. M. Leftwich.
Oct. 7-13, 1885.	Columbia, Tenn.....	Wilson and McTyeire.....	W. M. Leftwich.
Oct. 6-12, 1886.	Clarksville, Tenn.....	E. R. Hendrix.....	W. M. Leftwich.
Oct. 12-18, 1887.	Gallatin, Tenn.....	A. W. Wilson.....	W. M. Leftwich.
Oct. 17-22, 1888.	Fayetteville, Tenn.....	J. C. Keener.....	W. M. Leftwich.
Oct. 9-14, 1889.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.....	J. C. Keener.....	W. M. Leftwich.
Oct. 8-15, 1890.	Pulaski, Tenn.....	R. K. Hargrove.....	W. M. Leftwich.
Oct. 28-Nov. 3, 1891.	West End, Nashville, Tenn.....	A. W. Wilson.....	B. F. Haynes.
Oct. 19-25, 1892.	Tulip Street Church, Nashville, Tenn.....	C. B. Galloway.....	B. F. Haynes.
Oct. 18-24, 1893.	Lebanon, Tenn.....	J. C. Keener.....	B. F. Haynes.
Oct. 17-22, 1894.	Franklin, Tenn.....	W. W. Duncan.....	B. F. Haynes.
Oct. 23-28, 1895.	Winchester, Tenn.....	A. W. Wilson.....	L. R. Amis.
Oct. 21-27, 1896.	Nashville, Tenn.....	J. C. Granbery.....	L. R. Amis.
Oct. 20-25, 1897.	Shelbyville, Tenn.....	E. R. Hendrix ¶.....	L. R. Amis.

*One mile from the town of Bellbuckle. †The Conference was divided this year, and the Holston Conference met at Knoxville, Tenn., the place selected for the session of the Tennessee Conference; and the Tennessee Conference met at Columbia, Tenn. ‡Bishop McKendree was present at this Conference in age and feebleness, and it was the last Conference he ever attended. §This is as late as McFerrin's "History" comes. In regard to the session at Florence, in 1835, he says: "It was appointed for November 11, but was brought on earlier." ¶This year the Memphis Conference was set off, and met at Jackson, Madison County, Tenn.; and the Tennessee Conference met at Murfreesboro, Tenn. ¶Bishop Keener was to have held this Conference, but did not get there on account of yellow-fever quarantine regulations.

CONFERENCE ROLL FOR 1897.

Name.	Post-Office.	Name.	Post-Office.
1. Alford, F. E.....	Waverly	46. Curtis, T. R.....	Tracy City
2. Amis, L. R.....	Winchester	47. Darnell, T. L.....	Shelbyville
3. Anderson, G. W., 44 Fairview Ave.,	Nashville	48. Davidson, R. B.....	Lynchburg
4. Anderson, J. B.....	Pulaski	49. Dickson, A. H.....	Mt. Pleasant
5. Baird, S. C.....	Baird's Mill	50. Dodson, B. W.....	Southside
6. Baird, W. H.....	A. B. C	51. Dorris, W. G.....	Saundersville
7. Baker, T. J.....	Cookeville	52. Doss, W. H.....	New Providence
8. Barbee, J. D.....	Nashville	53. Duncan, J. T.....	Pelham
9. Barker, S. N.....	Pulaski	54. Dye, W. T.....	Almaville
10. Beale, G. L.....	Arrington	55. Erwin, J. B.....	Clarksville
11. Beasley, J. F.....	White's Creek	56. Eubank, G. E.....	Carter's Creek
12. Beasley, W. H.....	Williamsport	57. Ezell, A. M.....	Sumac
13. Berry, U. N. M.....	Hillsboro	58. Fain, S. L.....	Bethpage
14. Blackwood, J. G.....	Fayetteville	59. Faires, J. W.....	Cheap Hill
15. Blackwood, J. T.....	De Ray	60. Ferrell, B. F.....	Saundersville
16. Blanton, J. O.....	Decherd	61. Fisher, T. B.....	Lebanon
17. Blanton, G. W.....	Delina	62. Ford, M. N.....	Highland
18. Blue, H. B.....	Erin	63. Freeman, W. T.....	Woodford
19. Bouldin, Wood.....	Bryson	64. Freer, W. M.....	Elmwood
20. Bransford, S. W.....	Berlin	65. Funk, J. P.....	Leeville
21. Bridges, J. A.....	Spencer	66. Gabard, C. S.....	Chapel Hill
22. Brown, E. W.....	Manchester	67. Gannaway, R. P.....	Bellamy
23. Brown, R. K.....	Nashville	68. Gardner, P. D.....	Henryville
24. Bryan, L. C., care Dr. J. E. Harris,	Nashville	69. Gaston, B. J.....	Bedford
25. Byrne, G. D.....	Hartsville	70. Gibson, J. G.....	West Point
26. Byrom, G. S.....	Unionville	71. Gilbert, J. W.....	Charlotte
27. Carden, T. A.....	Rome	72. Gilbert, W. H.....	Liberty
28. Charles, M. W.....	Sparta	73. Goodloe, A. T.....	Springfield
29. Chennault, J. L.....	Woodlawn	74. Goodloe, J. R.....	Smyrna
30. Chennault, R. M.....	Woodlawn	75. Graves, W. W.....	Cornersville
31. Cherry, J. W.....	Murfreesboro	76. Gray, R. P.....	Big Rock
32. Cherry, S. M., Sr., 1019 Monroe Street,	Nashville	77. Green, W. M.....	Nashville
33. Cherry, S. M., Jr.....	Dover	78. Gregory, E. L.....	Savannah
34. Cherry, W. D.....	Nashville	79. Guinn, G. D.....	Pelham
35. Clement, A. E.....	Mulberry	80. Haggard, R. M.....	Verona
36. Clendenin, T. R.....	Trammel	81. Haggard, W. T.....	Nashville
37. Coleman, D. B.....	Verona	82. Handlin, J. N.....	Huntland
38. Coleman, Felix H.....	Nashville	83. Hanner, J. W.....	Bellbuckle
39. Collier, W. J.....	Nashville	84. Harrell, E. M.....	Fayetteville
40. Cook, W. T. S.....	Guthrie, Ky.	85. Harris, J. R.....	White Bluff
41. Cotton, W. H.....	Nashville	86. Hart, W. T.....	Hustburg
42. Couey, A. C.....	Mt. Pleasant	87. Harwell, W. S.....	Bethesda
* 43. Cullom, J. W.....	Overall	88. Hatcher, J. W.....	Oak Hill
44. Cullom, T. S.....	White's Bend	89. Haynes, B. F.....	Nashville
* 45. Curry, J. T.....	Franklin	90. Hensley, J. W.....	Mt. Pleasant
		91. Heriges, C. E.....	Wayland Springs
		92. Hickam, I. W.....	Castalian Springs
		93. Hill, O. P.....	Sparta

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94. Hinson, T. H.....	Grant	143. Oakley, J. M.....	Blanche
95. Hinson, J. G.....	Omega	144. Orman, J. A.....	Nashville
96. Holmes, J. R.....	Awalt	145. Owings, N. B. S.....	Santa Fé
97. Hudgens, R. H., Fatherland Street,	Nashville	146. Patterson, J. A.....	Linden
* 98. Isom, B. F.....	Burwood	147. Peebles, W. R.....	Pulaski
99. Ivie, H. J.....	Nashville	148. Pitts, J. J., 226 Fatherland St., Nashville	—
100. Jackson, G. P., 722 West Line Street,	Nashville	149. Powell, Lewis.....	Nashville
101. Jackson, W. L.....	Donelson	150. Powers, W. F.....	Bigbyville
102. Jarratt, W. V.....	Cross Plains	151. Proctor, D. J.....	Stewart
103. Jarvis, H. M.....	Tullahoma	152. Putman, J. C.....	Tullahoma
104. Johnson, B. H.....	Sadlersville	153. Ragsdale, T. C.....	West Nashville
105. Johnson, F. W.....	White Oak	154. Ransom, J. J.....	Springfield
106. Johnston, W. H.....	Culleoka	155. Ray, J. H.....	Palmyra
107. Jones, J. N.....	Lawrenceburg	156. Reagin, J. R.....	McEwen
108. Jones, R. R., 612 Monroe St., Nashville	—	157. Reams, A. H.....	Short Mountain
109. Jordan, J. B.....	Carthage	158. Reams, H. B.....	Franklin
110. Jordan, J. M.....	Winchester	159. Reeves, J. R.....	Duck River
111. Keathley, J. C.....	Woodbury	160. Rice, J. G.....	Green Brier
112. Keathley, W. R.....	Rockvale	161. Rice, J. S., cor. Tenth and Woodland	Streets, Nashville
113. Keathley, S. M.....	McMinnville	162. Riffin, W. H.....	Elkton
114. Kelley, D. C.....	Columbia	163. Roberts, J. C.....	Savannah
115. Kellum, J. L.....	Tarpley	164. Rooker, J. W.....	Quebeck
116. Kennedy, H. S.....	Speck	165. Sanders, G. M.....	Centerville
117. Kerley, T. A.....	Gallatin	166. Seay, R. W.....	Thompson's Station
118. Klyce, W. H.....	Clarksville	167. Shaw, J. J.....	Station Camp
119. Leath, W. A.....	Flat Rock	168. Smith, J. W.....	McMinnville
120. Ledbetter, H. S.....	Pinewood	169. Smotherman, B. T.....	Jacob's Hill
121. Lee, J. K.....	Cumberland City	170. Smotherman, J. C.....	Highland
122. Lovell, W. H.....	Bethel	171. Sowell, P. A., 837 South Market Street,	Nashville
123. Lowry, W. B.....	Clarksville	172. Stellar, E. A.....	Hampshire
124. Lusby, W. A.....	Winchester	173. Stewart, J. R.....	Pulaski
125. Mabry, M. J.....	Christiana	174. Stone, N. R.....	Beachville
126. Marks, T. B.....	Shelbyville	175. Stowe, J. J.....	Nashville
127. Massey, J. D.....	Mooresville	176. Strayhorn, J. H.....	Mt. Pleasant
128. Matthews, A. C.....	Edgewood	177. Taylor, W. B.....	Spring Hill
129. McBride, H. S., cor. Tenth and	Woodland Streets, Nashville	178. Taylor, G. W.....	Waynesboro
130. McClanahan, A. J.....	—	179. Teague, J. L.....	Pleasant View
131. McFerrin, A. P., Jr.....	Nashville	180. Thompson, J. R.....	Murfreesboro
132. McFerrin, J. A.....	Goodlettsville	181. Thompson, S. G.....	Nashville
* 133. McNeill, H. B.....	Brentwood	182. Tinnon, J. F.....	Cedar Hill
* 134. McPeak, G. B.....	College Grove	183. Travis, R. E.....	Goodlettsville
135. Merriman, D. H.....	Hustburg	184. Trawick, A. M.....	Shelbyville
136. Molloy, J. G.....	Aspen Hill	185. Tucker, M. R.....	Centerville
137. Moody, T. L.....	Dickson	186. Turner, W. A.....	Wartrace
138. Moores, Z. W.....	Elmwood	187. Walker, A. P.....	Diana
139. Morris, J. C.....	Nashville	188. Walkup, W. J.....	Smithville
140. Myers, J. C.....	West Nashville	189. Warren, W. R., 610 Woodland Street,	Nashville
141. Nichols, J. H.....	Pisgah	190. Wasson, S. E., 227 Treutlan Street,	Nashville
142. Noland, T. W.....	Clarksville		

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191. Weakley, W.....	Lebanon	196. Winford, Jerome.....	Verville
* 192. Webster, Joseph.....	Nolensville	197. Woods, M. P.....	Beech Grove
— 193. Wendel, W. D.....	Columbia	198. Woodward, T. H.....	Wales
194. White, E. W.....	Dickson	199. Young, R. A.....	Nashville
195. Williams, J. R.....	Fountain Head		

ON TRIAL.

1. Bumpus, J. F.....	Windle	8. Rector, G. C.....	Nashville
— 2. Cobb, P. L.....	Nashville	9. Rowland, M. C.....	Wheel
3. Freeman, P. D.....	—	10. Stewart, W. J.....	Elkton
4. Hensley, G. L.....	—	11. Taylor, N. B.....	Lillydale
5. Johnson, P. G.....	Peach	12. Tracy, J. T.....	Monterey
— 6. Morgan, George A.....	Lewisburg	13. Wade, C. R.....	Beersheba Springs
— 7. Morelock, J. F.....	—	14. Williams, W. H.....	Farmers' Exchange

LAY DELEGATES.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

E. W. Cole, J. W. Brister,
B. A. Cherry, W. M. Baskervill.

Alternates.

James Whitworth,* John W. Watkins,*
George W. Armistead.*

EAST NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

Frank W. Green, D. C. Scales,
E. A. Woodson, W. B. Saunders.

Alternates.

James House,* J. H. Weakley.*

LEBANON DISTRICT.

J. H. Curtis, Frazier Cochran,
John F. Henry, Jesse N. Ford.*

Alternates.

J. B. Hale,* R. P. McClain.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

John B. Shrader, W. W. Richardson,
Sylvester Jarvis, J. C. Elkins.

Alternates.

T. J. Wilson,* C. L. Cooper.*

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

E. L. Hampton, F. W. Carter,*
W. S. Porter, S. E. H. Dance.

Alternates.

W. M. Cook,* M. A. L. Enochs,
W. P. Haslit.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

T. E. Daly,* R. A. Orr,*
James A. Bostick, Ed Adkins.

Alternates.

John H. Stevenson,* John D. Reed.*

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

Jesse Pierce, T. R. Tulloss,
H. A. Laws, S. V. Wall.

Alternates.

None given.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

J. W. Irwin, John Cecil,
R. A. Guthrie,* J. W. Loveless.*

Alternate.

P. W. Ward.

DICKSON DISTRICT.

W. P. Byrn, P. P. Fitzhugh,
D. D. Collier, E. W. Rauscher.

Alternates.

W. H. Fowlkes,* George W. Brown.*

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

R. E. McCulloch, J. A. Byrd,*
W. L. Melvin, W. C. Warfield.

Alternates.

B. L. Rice, T. J. Ayers,*
C. C. Bell,* B. W. Macrae.

*Absent.

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WEBB'S SCHOOL.—L. R. Amis and D. C. Kelley.
CEDAR HILL INSTITUTE.—W. V. Jarratt and T. W. Noland.
HOWARD INSTITUTE.—J. T. Blackwood and J. H. Nichols.
SAVANNAH HIGH SCHOOL.—J. A. Patterson and W. H. Beasley.
MONTEREY SCHOOL.—W. Weakley and T. B. Fisher.

CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., October 20, 1897.

Opening.—The Tennessee Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its eighty-fourth session in the auditorium of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Shelbyville, Tenn., at 9 A.M. October 20, 1897. Bishop E. R. Hendrix presided, and conducted the opening service by reading 2 Corinthians sixth chapter, singing Hymn No. 145, and prayer.

Roll-Call.—The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and 151 preachers and 25 lay delegates answered to their names.

Secretaries.—L. R. Amis was elected Secretary, and upon his nomination B. W. Dodson, H. B. Reams, W. V. Jarratt, and G. L. Beale were elected assistants.

Standing Committees.—The presiding elders nominated and the Conference elected the following standing committees:

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—J. A. Orman, G. P. Jackson, G. W. Moody.

BIBLE CAUSE.—T. A. Carden, E. M. Harrell, J. L. Kellum, W. D. Cherry, J. J. Stowe, I. W. Hickam, H. B. Blue, J. L. Chennault, Sylvester Jarvis, W. S. Harwell.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.—W. R. Peebles, Frazier Cochran, T. L. Darnell, W. H. Beasley, W. M. Baskervill, J. R. Reagin, T. A. Kerley, B. L. Rice, M. J. Mabrey, W. B. Taylor.

CHURCH PROPERTY.—J. F. Henry, S. E. Wasson, A. P. Walker, W. D. Wendel, J. W. Brister, E. W. Rauscher, E. A. Woodson, R. E. McCulloch, J. B. Schrader, Jesse Pierce.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—Joseph Webster, G. S. Byrom, S. L. Fain, J. G. Molloy, Lewis Powell, J. W. Gilbert, F. E. Alford, W. H. Doss, J. W. Cullom, C. S. Gabard.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.—J. F. Tinnon, J. H. Curtis, F. W. Carter, E. L. Gregory, J. T. Blackwood, R. R. Jones, W. T. Hart, A. M. Trawick, J. R. Goodloe, T. R. Tulloss.

TEMPERANCE.—J. B. Jordan, E. L. Hampton, A. H. Dickson, J. A. Bostick, E. W. Cole, J. K. Lee, F. W. Green, B. H. Johnson, T. R. Curtis, T. W. Noland.

MEMOIRS.—J. D. Massey, for Rev. S. J. Shasteen; M. N. Ford, for Rev. W. H. Johnson; D. C. Kelley, for Rev. R. P. Ransom; J. W. Cullom, for Rev. George W. Martin.

PUBLICATION OF JOURNAL.—L. R. Amis, W. J. Collier, Wils Williams, R. K. Brown, E. H. Welburn.

FOR TREASURER OF AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY DURING THIS CONFERENCE.—A. E. Clement.

FOR CONFERENCE POSTMASTER.—S. M. Cherry, Jr.

Meeting and Adjournment.—The Conference decided to meet at 8:30 A.M. and adjourn at 12:30 P.M.

Presentation of Gavel.—Joe M. Ramsey, Conference Organizer of the Epworth League, presented Bishop Hendrix with a gavel which he had made with his own hands. The bishop responded in a happy way.

Vacancies.—C. J. Moody, W. H. Johnston, and D. C. Scales were added to the Joint Board of Finance. A. C. Couey, from the Joint Board, was appointed on the Epworth League Board.

Bishop Keener.—Bishop Hendrix read a message from Bishop Keener conveying his love to the Conference. On motion of D. C. Kelley, the Secretary was instructed to telegraph Bishop Keener expressing our regret that he was unable to be present at this Conference on account of quarantine regulations in the yellow-fever district of the South, and extending our sympathy and prayers to him and his family. The Conference was led in prayer by Dr. Kelley in behalf of the health of our senior bishop and his family.

Another Gavel.—D. C. Kelley presented to the Conference a gavel made from old Bethlehem Church, in Wilson County, where Bishop Asbury held his last Conference, and read an interesting paper on the early history of Methodism in Tennessee. Bishop Hendrix accepted the gavel for the Conference in a few chosen words.

Communications.—Communications from the Missionary Secretaries, the Church Extension Board, Publishing House, Sunday-School Board, Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society were read and referred to their respective boards.

General Conference Memorials.—On motion of T. A. Kerley, a committee of five were appointed by the Chair on Resolutions and Memorials to the General Conference. The following is the committee: T. A. Kerley, J. C. Morris, J. B. Erwin, E. W. Cole, D. C. Scales.

Jerome Winford was placed on the Sunday-School Board in place of C. J. Moody.

Introduced.—Dr. J. J. Tigert, Book Editor, and Bishop L. H. Holsey, of the C. M. E. Church, were introduced.

Admitted on Trial.—Ques. 1. Who are admitted on trial?

The following persons, having passed an approved examination and being recommended by the District Conference following their names, were admitted on trial: George Allen Morgan, Nashville District; James Thomas Tracy, Lebanon District.

Readmitted.—Ques. 5. Who are readmitted?

A. C. Matthews, recommended by the East Nashville District Conference.

Character.—Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The names of W. R. Warren, W. H. Riggin, B. J. Gaston, R. P. Gannaway, L. C. Bryan, J. C. Putman, D. H. Merriman, A. M. Ezell, B. F. Ferrell, G. D. Guinn,

H. S. Kennedy, R. M. Haggard, J. H. Strayhorn, H. S. Ledbetter, R. A. Young, H. J. Ivie, J. G. Gibson, and W. G. Dorris were called, their characters passed, and they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

The names of A. H. Reams, John R. Thompson, and T. B. Marks were called, their characters passed, and they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

E. W. White.—The name of E. W. White was called. His presiding elder stated that at the last session of the Conference his name was referred to the presiding elder of the Dickson District for the investigation of certain rumors, and that he had made the investigation and found no trial necessary. The character of E. W. White then passed by vote of the Conference.

The name of J. B. Anderson was called and his character passed.

Afternoon Session.—On motion, the Conference determined to have an afternoon session, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

Presiding Elders.—Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The names of R. K. Brown, W. J. Collier, T. B. Fisher, J. A. Orman, L. R. Amis, J. T. Curry, J. R. Stewart, J. W. Hensley, T. L. Moody, and W. B. Lowry were called and their characters passed.

Remaining on Trial.—Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

The names of Joseph F. Morelock, Mahlon C. Rowland, W. J. Stewart, Nathan B. Taylor, W. H. Williams, and Joseph F. Bumpus were called, and, having stood an approved examination, their characters were passed and they continued on trial.

Patrick G. Johnson and Gilbert L. Hensley not having been before the committee, their characters were passed and they were continued in the class of the first year.

Discontinued.—Ques. 3. Who are discontinued?

Albert N. Doyle, at his own request.

Felix H. Coleman.—Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

The name of Felix H. Coleman was called and his character passed. He was already a deacon, and after a lengthy discussion the Conference decided by vote that he was a suitable person to be admitted into full connection.

Pending this discussion the hour of adjournment arrived, and the time was extended till the question was settled.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Hendrix.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening.—The Conference met at 2:30 p.m., Bishop E. R. Hendrix in the chair. The opening religious service was conducted by G. W. Anderson.

The journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Conference Organ.—The Committee on Conference Organ, appointed at

the last session of this Conference, made a report, and it was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

A communication from Paine and Lane Institutes was read and referred to the Board of Education.

R. E. McCulloch was elected Recording Secretary.

Traveling Deacons.—Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

The names of William J. Walkup, John Casto Keathley, Addison H. Dickson, Sterling Mac Cherry, and Milton Philander Woods were called, their characters passed, and, having stood an approved examination, they were elected to deacon's orders.

The names of James A. Patterson and G. W. Taylor were called, their characters passed, and, being already deacons, they were passed to the class of the third year.

The name of Pharaoh L. Cobb was called, his character passed, and, not having been before the committee, he was continued in the class of the second year.

Deacons of One Year.—Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? The names of Samuel E. Wasson, William D. Wendel, T. J. Baker, Robert H. Hudgens, James R. Holmes, and C. R. Wade were called, their characters passed, and, having stood an approved examination, they were passed to the class of the fourth year.

The names of R. B. Davidson and J. W. Hatcher were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in the class of the third year, not having been before the committee.

Traveling Elders.—Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected elders? The names of J. J. Shaw, E. A. Stellar, B. Floyd Isom, P. D. Gardner, W. H. Baird, Samuel M. Keathley were called, their characters passed, and, having stood an approved examination, they were elected to elder's orders.

Samuel E. Wasson, having passed an approved examination, being already an elder, was passed through the class of the fourth year.

The name of W. J. McClanahan was called, his character passed, and, not having been before the committee, he was continued in the class of the fourth year.

Character.—Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of B. F. Haynes, A. P. McFerrin, Jr., J. W. Cherry, A. M. Trawick, H. B. Blue, F. E. Alford, J. F. Beasley, J. C. Myers, J. A. McFerrin, J. G. Rice, R. E. Travis, J. R. Williams, and T. A. Kerley were called and their characters passed.

Rev. J. J. Jamar was introduced, and took up a collection for Capers Chapel.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Hendrix.

SECOND DAY.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., October 21, 1897.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8:30 A.M., Bishop Hendrix in the chair. The religious service was conducted by P. A. Sowell.

The journal of the afternoon session was read, corrected, and approved.

Transferred.—Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Giles Carroll Rector, from the Texas Conference.

The report of the Committee on Publication of Journal was received.

Superannuated.—The Committee on Conference Relations offered Report No. 1, which was adopted, answering

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

W. R. Warren, W. H. Riffin, B. J. Gaston, R. P. Gannaway, L. C. Bryan, J. C. Putman, A. M. Ezell, B. F. Ferrell, G. D. Guinn, H. S. Kennedy, R. M. Haggard, J. H. Strayhorn, H. S. Ledbetter, R. A. Young, H. J. Ivie, E. W. White, J. G. Gibson, W. G. Dorris.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary?

A. H. Reams, J. R. Thompson, T. B. Marks.

Tennessee Children's Home.—Rev. Dr. W. F. Eastman, representing the Tennessee Children's Home, addressed the Conference, and J. W. Cherry, W. M. Green, and J. W. Brister were appointed a committee to whom this interest was referred.

Introduced.—Revs. D. M. Evans, of the Memphis Conference; S. W. Speer, of the Kentucky Conference; G. S. Savage, of the American Bible Society; and Dr. David Morton, Church Extension Secretary, were introduced.

Centennial.—The report of the Tennessee Centennial Commission made its report, and it was adopted. (See "Supplement.")

Bishop Holsey.—Bishop Holsey addressed the Conference in the interest of the Haygood Memorial Hall, at Augusta, Ga., and took a collection amounting to \$214.20.

Time of Sessions Changed.—On motion of R. K. Brown, the time of meeting and adjournment was reconsidered and the time of meeting and adjournment was fixed at 8 A.M. and 12 M. respectively.

The Committee on Public Worship made announcements for service.

Character.—Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The names of A. T. Goodloe, H. S. McBride, J. L. Teague, W. M. Freer, W. L. Jackson, J. J. Pitts, J. C. Morris, W. T. Haggard, W. H. Cotton, J. J. Stowe, T. C. Ragsdale, R. R. Jones, Lewis Powell, G. W. Anderson, S. M. Cherry, A. E. Clement, P. A. Sowell, W. M. Green, T. S. Cullom, J. D. Barbee, J. M. Terrell, W. Weakley, G. L. Beale, M. N. Ford, J. L. Smotherman, G. B. McPeak, J. B. Jordan, T. A. Carden, T. R. Clendenin, Joseph Webster, J. P. Funk, T. H. Hinson, B. T. Smotherman, S. C. Baird, T. R. Curtis, J. W. Cullom, J. A. Bridges, M. J. Mabry, J. R. Goodloe, W. A. Turner, E. W. Brown, G. P. Jackson, O. P. Hill, Jerome Winford, Z. W. Moores, J. W. Smith, H. M. Jarvis, J. W. Rooker,

W. A. Lusby, W. R. Keathley, E. M. Harrell, J. G. Blackwood, Wood Bouldin, J. D. Massey, M. W. Charles, W. W. Graves, J. N. Jones, S. G. Thompson, J. N. Handlin, J. O. Blanton, U. N. M. Berry, S. W. Bransford, W. F. Wilson, T. L. Darnell, G. S. Byrom, J. W. Hanner, J. M. Jordan, D. C. Kelley, A. C. Couey, W. H. Johnston, W. F. Powers, C. E. Heriges, J. T. Blackwood, J. L. Kellum, W. R. Peebles, W. H. Lovell, J. G. Molloy, J. H. Nichols, J. M. Oakley, S. N. Barker, H. B. Reams, R. W. Seay, R. J. Craig, T. W. Noland, W. B. Taylor, W. S. Harwell, W. A. Leath, G. D. Byrne, W. T. Dye, N. R. Stone, D. B. Coleman, C. S. Gabard, F. W. Johnson, W. H. Gilbert, J. T. Duncan, D. J. Proctor, S. L. Fain, J. C. Roberts, G. W. Blanton, and W. D. Cherry were called and their characters passed.

The names of R. M. Chennault and M. R. Tucker were called, their characters passed, and they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

A collection was taken for R. M. Chennault, amounting to \$197.55.

Leave of absence was granted D. J. Proctor.

Dr. Tigert addressed the Conference in the interest of the *Methodist Review*.

Holston Methodist.—W. R. Peebles, from the Committee on Books and Periodicals, offered Report No. 1, proposing the adoption of the *Holston Methodist* as our organ, which report was discussed and adopted. (See "Supplement.")

Dr. R. N. Price, editor of the *Holston Methodist*, was introduced, and spoke in the interest of the paper.

Local Deacons.—The following persons recommended by the District Conferences following their names were elected to deacon's orders: Olympia McElvy Abney, James Newton McClure, Joseph James Morgan, and Emil Gilbert Atlee, from the Nashville District; James Thomas Tracy and Walter L. Purnell, from the Lebanon District; Silas Parker and John W. Duncan, from the Murfreesboro District; William Jackson Cannon, from the Fayetteville District; David E. Scott and Lemuel C. Hall, from the Franklin District; Pleasant D. Freeman, from the Savannah District; Samuel Gilbert Treadaway, from the Clarksville District; William Moore Adams, from the Dickson District.

Local Elders.—Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Joel E. Givens, recommended by the Murfreesboro District Conference, having certified his agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, was elected to elder's orders.

Special Order.—On motion of B. W. Dodson, the election of delegates to the General Conference was fixed as the special order of the day for Friday at 10 A.M.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Hendrix.

THIRD DAY.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., October 22, 1897.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8 A.M., Bishop Hendrix in the chair. The opening religious service was conducted by I. W. Hickam.

The journal of the last session was read and approved.

Scarritt Bible and Training School.—A communication from the Scarritt Bible and Training School, at Kansas City, Mo., was read and referred to the Board of Education.

Superannuated.—Report No. 2 from the Committee on Conference Relations was adopted, answering farther:

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

R. M. Chennault and M. R. Tucker.

Character.—Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The names of A. P. Walker, W. H. Beasley, E. L. Gregory, T. H. Woodward, J. R. Reeves, N. B. S. Owings, W. T. Hart, J. R. Harris, H. B. McNeill, J. W. Gilbert, E. A. Stellar, J. K. Lee, G. M. Sanders, I. W. Hickam, J. R. Reagin, J. G. Hinson, J. B. Erwin, J. S. Rice, J. L. Chennault, W. H. Doss, R. P. Gray, J. H. Ray, W. T. Freeman, G. E. Eubank, W. H. Klyce, J. W. Faires, J. F. Tinnon, W. T. S. Cook, B. H. Johnson, B. W. Dodson, J. J. Ransom, and W. V. Jarratt were called and their characters passed.

Leave of absence was granted A. C. Couey and J. A. Bostick.

Rev. G. S. Savage spoke in the interest of the American Bible Society.

On motion, M. N. Ford was substituted for N. B. S. Owings on the Committee on Memoirs.

Secretary.—W. L. Melvin was elected Recording Secretary in place of R. E. McCulloch.

A communication from Dr. S. A. Steel, Secretary of the Epworth League, was read and referred to the Epworth League Board.

The following resolution was referred to the Joint Board of Finance:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the Conference claimants be paid quarterly, instead of at the close of the Conference year; and that the Joint Board of Finance be requested to take the necessary steps to that end.

J. J. RANSOM,	H. B. REAMS,
J. C. MORRIS,	B. F. HAYNES,
W. M. BASKERVILL,	W. B. LOWRY,
J. F. CURRY.	

Rev. F. A. Gardner, of the North Alabama Conference, was introduced.

Admitted on Trial.—Ques. 1. Who are admitted on trial?

Pleasant D. Freeman, recommended by the Savannah District Conference, having stood an approved examination, was admitted on trial.

Full Connection.—Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

The names of Felix H. Coleman, W. J. Walkup, J. C. Keathley, A. H. Dickson, S. M. Cherry, Jr., M. P. Woods, and J. A. Patterson were called, and, having passed an approved examination, and having answered the disciplinary questions

in open Conference, their characters were passed, and they were admitted into full connection.

The Conference decided to have an afternoon session, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Delegates to General Conference.—The hour of the day having arrived for the election of delegates to the General Conference, the bishop appointed Lewis Powell, J. F. Tinnon, B. L. Rice, and Frazier Cochran as tellers.

On the first ballot D. C. Kelley was elected a clerical delegate, and W. M. Baskervill and E. W. Cole lay delegates.

On the second ballot Frazier Cochran and D. C. Scales were elected lay delegates.

On motion, the time was extended to furnish the count of the second ballot for lay delegates.

The second ballot for clerical delegates was by a vote of the Conference put into the hands of the Secretary and tellers, to be counted and reported at the afternoon session.

After announcements, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening.—The congregation met at 2:30 p.m., Bishop Hendrix in the chair. Opening service by W. B. Lowry. The journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Leave of absence was granted to E. M. Harrell.

Delegates Elected.—The tellers reported the result of the second ballot for clerical delegates to the General Conference, which showed the election of H. B. Reams and W. J. Collier. On the third ballot J. D. Barbee was elected. On the fourth and fifth ballots there was no election. On the sixth ballot T. A. Kerley was elected, which made the delegation complete. On the eighth ballot J. A. Orman and J. T. Curry were elected reserve delegates.

W. T. Thomas was elected lay delegate, and B. L. Rice and S. V. Wall reserves.

The delegation to the General Conference, as complete, is as follows: Clerical: D. C. Kelley, H. B. Reams, W. J. Collier, J. D. Barbee, T. A. Kerley. Reserves: J. A. Orman, J. T. Curry. Lay delegates: W. M. Baskervill, E. W. Cole, Frazier Cochran, D. C. Scales, and W. T. Thomas. Reserves: B. L. Rice and S. V. Wall.

Place of Meeting.—Ques. 40. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Clarksville, Tenn.

Notices were given, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Collins Denny.

FOURTH DAY.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., October 23, 1897.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8 a.m., Bishop Hendrix in the chair. The opening religious service was conducted by T. B. Fisher.

The journal of the afternoon session was read and approved.

The Committee on Conference Relations reported, answering

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

D. H. Merriman.

The Committee on Memorials to the General Conference reported through J. C. Morris, Chairman, and the report was adopted item by item. (See "Supplement.")

The report of the Committee on Church Property was adopted. (See "Supplement.")

Full Connection.—Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

The name of George W. Taylor was called, and, having stood an approved examination and having answered the disciplinary questions in open Conference, his character passed and he was admitted into full connection.

The report of the Committee on the Tennessee Children's Home Society was adopted. (See "Supplement.")

The report of the Committee on District Conference Records was adopted. (See "Supplement.")

Missions.—Ques. 31. What has been contributed for missions.

Foreign missions, \$11,506.69; domestic missions, \$6,884.05.

Ques. 23. What has been contributed for Church extension?

\$2,961.40.

Reports Nos. 1 and 2 from the Conference Board of Church Extension were adopted. (See "Supplement.")

Education.—The Board of Education presented reports, which were amended and adopted. (See "Supplement.")

A special committee was appointed to look into the financial *status* of Nashville College for Young Ladies, in view of an investment. The following is the committee: J. C. Morris, W. R. Peebles, and W. R. Webb.

A resolution offered by Lewis Powell and B. W. Dodson, asking that the Conference secure the Nashville College for Young Ladies, was referred to the special committee on this interest.

The following resolution, offered by A. T. Goodloe and others, was adopted:

Resolved, It is the sense of this Conference that neither the Vanderbilt University nor any other institution of learning belonging to and under the control of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, can meet the desires and expectations of their founders and supporters by putting teachers in their faculties who are in any wise unfriendly to Methodism; and we respectfully insist that it is the imperative duty of the trustees of our colleges and universities to so construct their faculties as to give the assurance to us that our boys and girls in our own schools will be altogether under the tuition and guidance of Methodist teachers and those friendly to Methodism, it being our firm conviction that our Church can furnish teachers fully equal to the work demanded.

A. G. GOODLOE,
LEWIS POWELL,
W. V. JARRATT.

Introduced.—Rev. James Atkins, D.D., Rev. Collins Denny, Rev. C. B. Moseley, Dr. J. H. Kirkland, Dr. E. E. Hoss, and Mr. W. R. Webb were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Atkins spoke in the interest of the Sunday-school work.

Local Elders.—Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

Hiram A. Laws, recommended by the Franklin District Conference, and David Fletcher Osteen, recommended by the Columbia District Conference, having certified their belief in our doctrine and discipline, were elected to elder's orders.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was received.

The Secretary of the Conference Board of Missions reported, and the report was adopted. (See "Supplement.")

Dr. Hoss.—Dr. E. E. Hoss, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, addressed the Conference.

The following resolution, offered by J. J. Ransom for the Board of Missions, was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that all specials contributed from the bounds of the Tennessee Conference to any part of the regular work of the Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, should be credited by that board to the assessment against this Conference for the work of that board.

J. J. RANSOM.

Joint Board.—The Joint Board of Finance made its various reports.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and adopted.

The report of the Epworth League Board was read and adopted. (See "Supplement.")

The report of the Committee on the Bible Cause was read and adopted. (See "Supplement.")

The Conference determined that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in memorial session, Sunday night, October 24, at 7:30 P.M.

The name of J. B. Anderson was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Joint Board of Finance be instructed to pay the Recording Secretary, W. L. Melvin, \$25 for his services out of the amount raised for printing the Minutes of the Conference.

B. W. DODSON,

L. R. AMIS.

The Committee on Public Worship announced the services for the Sabbath. Other notices were given, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. A. Orman.

MEMORIAL SESSION.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., October 24, 1897.

Opening.—The Conference met in memorial session at 7:30 P.M., Bishop Hendrix in the chair. The opening service was conducted by J. G. Rice.

Our Dead.—Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

Samuel J. Shasteen, William H. Johnson, George W. Martin, and Richard P. Ransom.

Suitable memoirs were read for each of these brethren, and the memoirs were adopted.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by S. M. Cherry.

FIFTH DAY.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., October 25, 1897.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8 A.M., Bishop Hendrix in the chair. The opening service was conducted by W. J. Collier.

The journals of Saturday and of the memorial session were read and approved.

Ordinations.—The bishop reported the ordinations of Sunday, and the Secretary read a certificate from Bishop A. W. Wilson, which together answered:

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

William J. Walkup, John Casto Keathley, A. H. Dickson, Sterling Mac Cherry, M. P. Woods.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Silas Parker, William J. Cannon, David E. Scott, Lemuel C. Hall, Pleasant D. Freeman, Samuel G. Treadaway, James Thomas Tracy.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

James J. Shaw, B. Floyd Isom, P. D. Gardner, Warren H. Baird, Samuel M. Keathley.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Owen M. Rickman, Hiram A. Laws, David F. Osteen.

Statistics.—The Statistical Secretary made his report, and answered:

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Local preachers, 294; members, 67,089; colored members, 9.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?
896.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?
2,372.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues?
179.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Epworth League members?
6,498.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-schools?
573½.

Ques. 27. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
4,065.

Ques. 28. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
34,691.

Ques. 33. What has been done for the American Bible Society?
Collected, \$570.23.

Ques. 34. What has been contributed for the support of the presiding elders and preachers in charge?

Presiding elders, \$11,626.12; preachers in charge, \$81,727.54.

Ques. 35. What has been contributed for the support of bishops?
\$1,776.38.

Ques. 36. What is the number of societies, and the number and estimated value of church-edifices?

Number of societies, 690; church-edifices, 589; value, \$1,040,265.

Ques. 37. What is the number of pastoral charges, and the number and value of parsonages owned by them?

Charges, 186; parsonages, 125; value, \$129,338.

Ques. 38. What is the number and value of district parsonages?

Number, 4; value, \$6,200.

Ques. 39. What are the educational statistics?

Schools, 8; officers and teachers, 165; students, \$1,606; value of property, \$236,500; contributed for education, \$1,420.13.

The Joint Board of Finance reported further, answering:

Ques. 29. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$6,600.

Ques. 30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

On assessments, \$4,781.52; from Publishing House, \$1,100.00; trustees of superannuated fund, \$826.20; Colvin fund, \$32.90.

The Board of Education offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend that the Conference take under its care the Savannah District High School, located within the bounds of the Savannah District, and the school at Monterey, within the bounds of the Lebanon District. H. B. REAMS, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals reported through W. R. Peebles, Chairman. The report was adopted. (See "Supplement.")

The report from the Sunday-School Board was read and adopted. (See "Supplement.")

The report of the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference was adopted. (See "Supplement.")

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated?

J. B. Anderson.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year?

No one.

Board of Finance.—The bishop announced the following Joint Board of Finance for next year: J. J. Stowe, J. A. McFerrin, W. Weakley, J. L. Parks, J. F. Tinnon, W. H. Johnston, J. N. Handlin, W. H. Beasley, G. M. Sanders, O. P. Hill, I. K. Chase, M. S. Williams, R. P. McLain, R. W. Seay, S. A. Caldwell, L. E. Abernathy, D. B. Clayton, J. L. Sloan, Robert Steel, C. J. Moody.

Visiting Committees.—The visiting committees to our institutions of learning were then announced: Vanderbilt University, A. C. Couey, E. A. Stellar; Price's College, J. J. Ransom, W. H. Johnston; Soule Female College, J. C. Morris, J. W. Cherry; Martin Female College, J. J. Stowe, W. B. Lowry; Clarksville Academy, W. H. Doss, W. H. Klyce; Webb's School, L. R. Amis, D. C. Kelley; Cedar Hill Institute, W. V. Jarratt, T. W. Noland; Howard Institute, J. T. Blackwood, J. H. Nichols; Savannah High School, J. A. Patterson, W. H. Beasley; Monterey High School, W. Weakley, T. B. Fisher.

The usual resolutions of thanks were adopted.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

The bishop then called and answered

Ques. 41. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

After which the Conference adjourned *sine die*, with the benediction by Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. George Allen Morgan, James Thomas Tracy, Pleasant D. Freeman, Patrick G. Johnson, Gilbert L. Hensley. 5.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Joseph F. Morelock, Mahlon C. Rowland, W. J. Stewart, Nathan B. Taylor, W. H. Williams, Joseph F. Bumpus. 6.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Albert N. Doyle. 1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Felix H. Coleman, William J. Walkup, James A. Patterson, John Casto Keathley, Addison Hall Dickson, Sterling Mac Cherry, Milton Philander Woods, George Washington Taylor. 8.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? A. C. Matthews. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Giles C. Rector. 1.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? William D. Wendel, T. J. Baker, Robert H. Hudgens, James R. Holmes, C. R. Wade, R. B. Davidson, J. W. Hatcher, A. J. McClanahan. 8.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? William J. Walkup, John Casto Keathley, Addison H. Dickson, Sterling Mac Cherry, Milton Philander Woods. 5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? William J. Walkup, John Casto Keathley, Addison H. Dickson, Sterling Mac Cherry, Milton P. Woods. 5.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Olympia McKelvey Abney, James Newton McClure, Joseph James Morgan, Emil Gilbert Atlee, James Thomas Tracy, Walter L. Purnell, Silas Parker, John W. Duncan, William J. Cannon, David E. Scott, Lemuel C. Hall, Pleasant D. Freeman, Samuel Gilbert Treadaway, William Moore Adams. 14.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Silas Parker, William J. Cannon, David E. Scott, Lemuel C. Hall, Pleasant D. Freeman, Samuel G. Treadaway, James T. Tracy. 7.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? James J. Shaw, Ernest

A. Stellar, B. Floyd Isom, P. D. Gardner, W. H. Baird, Samuel M. Keathley. 6.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? James J. Shaw, B. Floyd Isom, P. D. Gardner, Warren H. Baird, Samuel M. Keathley. 5.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Joel E. Givens, Hiram A. Laws, David Fletcher Osteen. 3.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Hiram A. Laws, David F. Osteen, Owen M. Rickman. 3.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? A. H. Reams, J. R. Thompson, T. B. Marks. 3.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? W. R. Warren, W. H. Riggan, B. J. Gaston, R. P. Gannaway, L. C. Bryan, J. C. Putman, A. M. Ezell, B. F. Ferrell, G. D. Guinn, H. S. Kennedy, R. M. Haggard, J. H. Strayhorn, H. S. Ledbetter, R. A. Young, H. J. Ivie, E. W. White, J. G. Gibson, W. G. Dorris, M. R. Tucker, R. M. Chennault, J. B. Anderson. 21.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Samuel J. Shasteen, William H. Johnson, George W. Martin, Richard P. Ransom. 4.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 294; white members, 67,089; colored members, 9.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 896.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2,372.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 179.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 6,498.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 573½.

Ques. 27. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 4,065.

Ques. 28. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 34,691.

Ques. 29. What amount is necessary for

the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$6,600.

Ques. 30. What has been collected on the foregoing account? and how has it been applied? \$6,750.57. Applied to claimants.

Ques. 31. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign missions, \$11,506.69; domestic missions, \$7,184.05. Total, \$18,690.74.

Ques. 32. What has been contributed for Church extension? \$2,961.40.

Ques. 33. What has been done for the American Bible Society? \$570.23 collected.

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Ques. 40. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Clarksville, Tenn.

Ques. 41. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

APPOINTMENTS.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

R. K. Brown (3), P. E.

McKendree, J. C. Morris (3).
Elm Street, W. T. Haggard (3).
West End, W. H. Cotton (3).
West Nashville, T. C. Ragsdale (2).
Carroll Street, J. J. Stowe (2).
North High Street, R. R. Jones (2).
Park Avenue, Lewis Powell (2).
South Street Mission, G. W. Anderson (2).
McTyeire Memorial, S. M. Cherry (2).
Humphreys Street, G. C. Rector (1).
Waverly Place, S. G. Thompson (1).
Woodbine, W. A. Leath (3).
Watkins Grove Mission, F. H. Coleman (1).
Blakemore, J. F. Morelock (1).
Arlington, P. A. Sowell (2).
Nashville City Mission, W. M. Green (2).
Centenary Mission, J. C. Myers (1).
Bellevue, to be supplied.
Chaplain to state prison, P. L. Cobb (2).
Book Agent, J. D. Barbee.

EAST NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

W. J. Collier (3), P. E.

Tulip Street, A. P. McFerrin, Jr. (4).
McFerrin Memorial, S. E. Wasson (1).
Alex Erwin, J. J. Pitts (1).
East End, R. H. Hudgens (2).
Hobson Chapel, J. S. Rice (1), B. F. Haynes (2).
Trinity, G. P. Jackson (1).
Greenland Circuit, J. F. Beasley (2).
Cumberland Circuit, T. S. Cullom (1).
Goodlettsville, J. A. McFerrin (3).
Green Brier Mission, J. G. Rice (3).
Baker Station, R. E. Travis (4).
Fountain Head Mission, J. R. Williams (2).

Gallatin, T. A. Kerley (4).
Sumner Circuit, J. J. Shaw (1).
Saundersville, H. S. McBride (3).
Bethpage, S. L. Fain (1).
Fairfield Mission, W. H. Baird (4).
Castalian Springs, I. W. Hickam (1).
Hermitage Circuit, W. L. Jackson (2).
Pleasant Grove Mission, T. R. Clendenin (1).

LEBANON DISTRICT.

T. B. Fisher (3), P. E.

Lebanon, W. Weakley (4).
Carthage and Alexandria, J. B. Jordan (1).
Smithville, W. J. Walkup (2); A. H. Reams, Sup.
Cookeville Mission, T. J. Baker (2).
Pleasant Grove Mission, Z. W. Moores (1).
Gainesboro Mission, M. N. Ford (1).
Liberty Circuit, W. H. Gilbert (1).
Livingston Mission, J. W. Hatcher (4).
Overton Mission, J. F. Bumpus (1).
Obed River Mission, N. B. Taylor (1).
Cokesbury Circuit, W. M. Freer (1).
Mt. Olivet Circuit, T. A. Carden (2).
Wartrace Circuit, J. L. Smotherman (1).
Goose Creek Circuit, G. D. Byrne (1).
Lebanon Circuit, J. P. Funk (2).
New Middleton Circuit, T. H. Hinson (4).
Jacob's Hill Circuit, B. T. Smotherman (2).
Cainsville Mission, S. C. Baird (2).
Monterey and Pleasant Ridge Mission, J. T. Tracy (1).

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

J. A. Orman (3), P. E.

Murfreesboro, J. W. Cherry (1).
Stone's River Circuit, J. W. Cullom (3).
Smyrna Circuit, J. R. Goodloe (2).
Rockvale Circuit, S. M. Keathley (1); J. R. Thompson, Sup.

Woodbury Mission, John C. Keathley (2).
 Christiana Circuit, M. J. Mabry (1).
 Beech Grove Circuit, M. P. Woods (1).
 Wartrace Circuit, W. A. Turner (2).
 Shelbyville, A. M. Trawick (1).
 Normandy Mission, J. M. Jordan (1).
 Tullahoma, H. M. Jarvis (1).
 Manchester and Summitville, E. W. Brown (3).
 Hickory Creek Circuit, Jerome Winford (2).
 McMinnville, J. W. Smith (2).
 McMinnville Mission, W. R. Keathley (1).
 Sparta Station, O. P. Hill (1).
 Sparta Mission, M. W. Charles (1).
 Quebeck Mission, J. W. Rooker (1).
 Spenser Mission, J. A. Bridges (1).
 Beersheba Springs Mission, C. R. Wade (1).

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

L. R. Amis (3), P. E.

Fayetteville, E. M. Harrell (2).
 Fayetteville Circuit, J. G. Blackwood (2).
 Macedonia Mission, to be supplied by F. M. Liles (1).
 Blanche Circuit, J. M. Oakley (1).
 Lynchburg and Mulberry, A. E. Clement (1).
 Lynchburg Circuit, R. B. Davidson (2).
 Medium Circuit, G. W. Blanton (1).
 Cornersville Circuit, W. W. Graves (2).
 Lewisburg and Petersburg, George A. Morgan (1).
 Salem Circuit, J. N. Handlin (2).
 Winchester, W. A. Lusby (1).
 Marble Plains Circuit, J. R. Holmes (1).
 Hillsboro Mission, U. N. M. Berry (2).
 Pelham Mission, J. T. Duncan (1).
 Mont Eagle and Decherd Mission, J. O. Blanton (1).
 Tracy City, T. R. Curtis (1); one to be supplied by B. F. Gilbert (1).
 Bellbuckle, J. W. Hanner (2).
 Rich Valley Circuit, T. L. Darnell (2).
 Unionville Circuit, G. S. Byrom (3), M. C. Rowland (1).

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

J. R. Stewart (3), P. E.

Columbia, D. C. Kelley (2).
 South Columbia, W. D. Wendel (2).
 Mt. Pleasant, A. C. Couey (4).
 Culleoka and Hurricane, W. H. Johnston (2).
 Bigbyville Circuit, W. F. Powers (2).
 Taylor's Chapel, to be supplied by J. A. Molloy (1).
 Mooresville Circuit, J. D. Massey (1).
 Pulaski, W. R. Peebles (4).
 Olivet and Lynnville, J. T. Blackwood (2).
 Pleasant Valley and Salem, J. L. Kelum (3).
 Trinity Circuit, T. H. Woodward (1).
 Fall River Mission, P. G. Johnson (1).
 Prospect Circuit, W. H. Lovell (2).

Richland Circuit, J. G. Molloy (2).
 Bunker Hill Mission, P. D. Freeman (1).
 Pisgah Circuit, J. H. Nichols (2).
 Diana Circuit, A. P. Walker (1).
 Bee Springs Circuit, Wood Bouldin (1).
 Elkton, W. J. Stewart (1).
 Pleasant Hill and Smyrna, to be supplied by E. B. Worsham (3).
 Martin Female College, S. N. Barker, President.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

J. T. Curry (3), P. E.

Franklin, H. B. Reams (2).
 Douglas Circuit, R. W. Seay (4).
 Spring Hill, W. B. Taylor (1).
 Carter's Creek Circuit, B. F. Isom (2).
 Neapolis Circuit, G. E. Eubank (1).
 Brentwood and Thompson's, H. B. McNeill (1).
 Bethesda Circuit, W. S. Harwell (3).
 Santa Fé Circuit, N. B. S. Owings (2).
 Nolensville Circuit, Joseph Webster (1).
 Almaville Mission, W. T. Dye (2).
 College Grove Circuit, G. B. McPeak (1).
 Chapel Hill and Caney Springs, C. S. Gabbard (4).
 Farmington and Verona, D. B. Coleman (2).
 Bethlehem and Johnson, N. R. Stone (2).
 Fernvale Mission, F. W. Johnson (4).
 Berlin Mission, S. W. Bransford (1).
 Trinity and Triune, G. L. Beale (1).

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

J. W. Hensley (3), P. E.

Savannah, E. L. Gregory (1).
 Savannah Circuit, J. C. Roberts (1).
 Waynesboro Circuit, G. W. Taylor (1).
 Mt. Auburn Circuit, to be supplied by P. W. Ward (1).
 Clifton Circuit, G. L. Hensley (2).
 Linden and Beardstown, J. A. Patterson (2).
 Linden Mission, W. D. Cherry (1).
 Cane Creek Mission, W. H. Williams (1).
 Lowryville, to be supplied by S. G. Treadaway (1).
 Lawrenceburg, J. N. Jones (1).
 Wayland Springs Mission, C. E. Heriges (1).
 West Point, to be supplied by Bion Hensley (1).
 Hampshire and Cross Bridges, E. A. Stellar (1).
 Sandy Hook Mission, A. H. Dickson (2).
 Williamsport Circuit, W. H. Beasley (1).
 Summertown Mission, P. D. Gardner (1).
 Napier and Laurel Hill, to be supplied by W. A. Carver (1).

DICKSON DISTRICT.

T. L. Moody (2), P. E.

Centerville, G. M. Sanders (1).
 Shady Grove Circuit, J. R. Reeves (2).

Vernon Mission, J. G. Hinson (1).
 White Bluff Mission, J. R. Harris (2).
 Dickson, R. J. Craig (1).
 Charlotte Circuit, J. W. Gilbert (2).
 Edgewood Circuit, A. C. Matthews (1).
 Erin, H. B. Blue (1).
 Cumberland City, J. K. Lee (2).
 Dover Circuit, S. M. Cherry, Jr. (3).
 Standing Rock Circuit, A. J. McClanahan (1).
 Long Creek Circuit, to be supplied by George H. Largent (1).
 Stuart Circuit, D. J. Proctor (2).
 Hustburg Circuit, W. T. Hart (1).
 Liberty Circuit, to be supplied by B. J. Rochell (1).
 Waverly Station, F. E. Alford (1).
 McEwen Mission, J. R. Reagin (3); one to be supplied by J. R. Coleman (1).

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

W. B. Lowry (3), P. E.

Clarksville: Madison Street, J. B. Erwin (3).

Forest Street and Bethlehem Mission, T. W. Noland (1).
 Montgomery Circuit, J. L. Chennault (2).
 New Providence and Bethel, W. H. Doss (2).
 Big Rock Circuit, R. P. Gray (2).
 Palmyra Mission, J. H. Ray (2).
 Antioch Circuit, W. H. Klyce (1).
 Southside, B. W. Dodson (1).
 Asbury Circuit, W. T. Freeman (1).
 Clifton and Mallory's, J. W. Faires (3).
 Guthrie Circuit, W. T. S. Cook (1).
 Ashland City and Pleasant View, J. L. Teague (1).
 Sadlersville and Adams Station, B. H. Johnson (2).
 Cedar Hill, J. F. Tinnon (1).
 Springfield, J. J. Ransom (2).
 Red River Circuit, A. T. Goodloe (1).
 Cross Plains Circuit, W. V. Jarratt (2).

Transferred.—W. F. Wilson, to the Arkansas Conference; J. M. Terrell, to the Western North Carolina Conference.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR MONEY.

Foreign and Domestic Missions to Jo B. MORGAN, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
 Conference Claimants, Bishops' Fund, and Printing of the Minutes to J. L. PARKES, Treasurer, Franklin, Tenn.

Children's Day. Send it all to REV. J. T. CURRY, Franklin, Tenn., and he will make the proper distribution.

Church Extension to J. B. MURREY, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.

Education to REV. W. A. LUSBY, Winchester, Tenn.

American Bible Society to REV. A. E. CLEMENT, Lynchburg, Tenn.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1897-98 BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Church Extension.	Conference Fund.	Bishops.	Education.	Minutes.
Nashville.....	\$ 3,601 50	\$ 2,004 00	\$1,030	\$1,122 00	\$ 311 44	\$ 800	\$ 68
East Nashville.....	2,650 05	1,345 47	675	858 00	238 16	450	52
Lebanon.....	1,307 52	651 67	475	462 00	128 24	300	28
Murfreesboro	2,099 51	1,158 80	600	693 00	192 36	400	42
Fayetteville.....	1,860 42	901 34	595	660 00	183 20	376	40
Columbia.....	2,160 03	1,115 72	675	825 00	229 00	400	50
Franklin.....	1,924 40	986 24	675	676 50	187 78	400	41
Savannah.....	559 30	291 61	280	214 50	59 54	200	13
Dickson.....	717 22	376 23	300	264 00	73 28	250	16
Clarksville.....	2,120 05	1,168 92	695	825 00	229 00	425	50
Total.....	\$19,000 00	\$10,000 00	\$6,000	\$6,600 00	\$1,832 00	\$4,001	\$400

SUPPLEMENT—REPORTS ADOPTED.

I. SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Last year we reported the Children's Day collection in excess of the previous year. It is gratifying that we can now announce a further increase in the Children's Day collection of fifty per cent over 1896, giving us the largest collection ever received in this Conference on Children's Day. This is an indication of an awakened interest and increased effort in this great cause on the part of preachers and superintendents.

We are pleased to report that the preachers have been more prompt in remitting their Children's Day collections. We would still impress upon them the necessity of remitting this collection promptly to the treasurer of the board, that needy schools may have the benefit of the money at once. Do not, brethren, keep this money to report at Conference; but as early as possible remit the whole amount collected on Children's Day to Rev. J. T. Curry, treasurer of the board, Franklin, Tenn. He will make the distribution required by the Discipline.

The board gives notice that the preachers in charge applying for literature for indigent Sunday-schools may include a reasonable number of the word edition and three copies of the note edition of the "Young People's Hymnal." The board announces that, in addition to what it has been doing in furnishing libraries to mission schools, it is willing to aid needy Sunday-schools in the purchase of libraries, and solicits correspondence of Sunday-schools desiring this assistance.

We urge all our Sunday-schools to observe Children's Day. The board will furnish *gratis* Children's Day programs for all our schools applying for them.

We recommend that all our Sunday-schools take a collection every Sunday for the purpose of buying their literature, except that the collection of one Sunday in each month be paid to the preacher in charge as missionary money.

We commend to all our schools our own literature, edited by Rev. Dr. James Atkins, our Sunday-School Editor, and Rev. L. F. Beaty, his assistant, and also the "Young People's Hymnal," published by our own House at Nashville. We recommend that our schools furnish a copy of the *Sunday-School Magazine* to each teacher.

The Executive Committee of this board is directed to send out, as early as possible, to each Sunday-school superintendent whose name and post-office is furnished by his presiding elder, a circular letter touching such points as they deem most important, in accordance with the circular recently issued by the General Sunday-School Board.

The Executive Committee is directed to appoint one delegate and alternate as visiting representatives to each District Conference Sunday-School Convention, and each representative is requested to report to this board what, in his judgment, was accomplished by his visit, and any other facts gathered, by which the Sunday-school cause may be promoted.

A Sunday-School Conference Convention will be held by this board as early in the spring as possible, at such time and place as the Executive Committee may designate.

J. W. IRWIN, *Chairman*,
Savannah, Tenn.;

D. C. SCALES, *Secretary*,
Nashville, Tenn.;

J. T. CURRY, *Treasurer*,
Franklin, Tenn.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount received from Children's Day collection.....	\$830 05
Paid for literature and libraries, as per vouchers.....	\$458 70
Paid for expenses.....	30 00
Paid 10 per cent to the General Sunday-School Board.....	83 00
Paid 10 per cent to the General Board of Education.....	83 00
Paid balance to the Conference Board of Education.....	87 68
Paid balance to the General Board of Education.....	87 67— 830 05

The districts have paid as follows:

Nashville District.....	\$102 14	Fayetteville District.....	\$ 57 22
East Nashville District.....	140 61	Savannah District.....	33 30
Lebanon District.....	79 41	Clarksville District.....	97 36
Murfreesboro District.....	65 66	Dickson District.....	88 44
Franklin District.....	102 69		
Columbia District.....	63 22	Total.....	\$830 05

J. T. CURRY, *Treasurer.*

II. EPWORTH LEAGUE.

During the present year there has been a falling off in the number of Epworth League chapters and members. We now number 179 Leagues and 6,498 members. If this falling off indicates more careful development in the work and a gleaning of the best of the membership, the decrease is not so deplorable as it would seem at first sight. We desire to emphasize the importance of earnest work and efficiency. A League that does not help the pastor and benefit the Church is better dead and buried than in existence. We call upon the Leaguers everywhere to help the pastors in all the work for which they are fitted. Let us not become so much engrossed in meetings and conventions that we fail to help the local church. We hope to avoid the danger of becoming so broad as to lose the value of concentrated effort at home. Let the League stand by the Church, and the Church will stand by the League.

We regret that our *Epworth Era* is not paying its way. We call the attention of the pastors to this fact, and ask them to help make this organ a paper of great usefulness and service. We wish we could have a larger paper, one of about sixteen pages, but we must take hold of the paper as it is now and help it in its great mission.

Our leaguers must be loyal in paying the ten-cent assessment, else the central office can not do its legitimate work. Out of an authorized expenditure of \$3,000 allowed by the General Board at its last meeting, only \$696.85 has come into the office at Nashville. This cramps the work. We suggest the practicability of memorializing the General Conference to put the financial management of the central office under direct relation to the Church, such as the Sunday-school sustains. Furthermore we respectfully insist that the pastors see to it that their Leagues are reported and chartered at the Secretary's office.

We also call your attention to the reading course. The more intelligent our young people are the more satisfactory will be the results of their enterprises; therefore it is to the interest of the pastors to expend a few dollars personally, if need be, in providing good books for their Leaguers.

We recommend the benefits of the District League Conference, feeling that here is the settlement of a great many perplexing questions connected with the League work.

We also suggest the feasibility of holding a Tennessee Conference Epworth League Conference, and without any argument recommend the appointment of a committee of three, consisting of J. J. Stowe, T. C. Ragsdale, and L. R. Amis, who shall have full authority to make arrangements for such a Conference, select the time and place, and issue the call. Furthermore that this committee shall have charge of the Conference League work in the mean time, in so far as they can cooperate with pastors in organizing and systematizing the League work.

We desire to call attention to the faithfulness and efficiency of Joe M. Ramsey, your Conference League Organizer. His work is too well known to require extensive notice. We return devout thanksgiving for the preservation of his health for the work in which he is engaged, and for his fidelity and energy. We recommend him again as your Conference Epworth League Agent, with our full endorsement to do everything he can to help the pastors. We recommend also that he cooperate with the before-mentioned committee in organizing the work in the several districts.

LEWIS POWELL, *Chairman*;
A. M. TRAWICK, JR., *Secretary*.

III. BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

REPORT No. 1.

Whereas the last Tennessee Conference appointed a committee with authority to establish or procure a Conference organ; and whereas said committee has chosen the *Holston Methodist* as that organ; therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, That this Conference approves of the scheme for a joint organ of the two Conferences.

2. That this Conference appoint from year to year a committee of three, two preachers and one layman, to constitute, with a like committee from the Holston Conference, a Publishing Committee, whose duty it shall be to elect and, if necessary, remove or change the editor, control the policy of the paper, determine its name and the place of its publication, provided that no arrangement shall be made that will involve this Conference in financial responsibility.

3. That the Publishing Committee be authorized, so far as it represents this Conference, to invite the Memphis Conference to unite with the Holston and Tennessee Conferences on a tri-Conference organ; and that it be requested to confer with committees of the Holston and Memphis Conferences, if appointed, at the earliest convenient date.

4. That J. R. Stewart, T. A. Kerley, and Bruce L. Rice are recommended to this Conference for appointment on the committee herein provided, who shall serve for the ensuing Conference year.

REPORT No. 2.

We note with pleasure the gratifying report of the Agents on the condition of our Publishing House. It indeed rejoices us to know that during the financial depression of the country our Publishing House has suffered so little.

We would urge our people to a heartier support of the publications of our House.

The *Christian Advocate* should be in every home of our land. Let the pastors of the different congregations use their influence to enlarge its circulation and increase its usefulness.

We would respectfully call attention to the *Methodist Review*. This publication of our House should be supported by every thoughtful and intelligent minister and layman of our Church. Ministers can not make a better investment of the price of this periodical.

The *Epworth Era* is in a measure meeting the demands for such an organ. We deplore the fact that its circulation is not larger. This paper should be an instrument of great power and usefulness among our young people.

Our Sunday-school literature is in every way worthy of the fullest support of all our people, and suffers nothing in comparison with like literature of any publisher.

Our "Young People's Hymnal" is meeting with deserved success. Its publication of 172,550 copies in so short a period is exceedingly gratifying.

W. R. PEEBLES, *Chairman*;
BRUCE L. RICE, *Secretary*.

IV. BIBLE CAUSE.

We deem it unnecessary to remind this body of the importance of the work of the American Bible Society. This organization has greatly aided in extending the kingdom

of God, both at home and in foreign lands. In fact, the Church would not be able to do the work now being done, but for this society. But while knowing and accepting this in theory, we of the Tennessee Conference are sadly neglecting our duty to the society.

We beg to remind the members of this Conference that the Discipline requires a collection for this cause in every charge; and yet, strange and sad to say, during the year 1895-96 of the one hundred and eighty-five charges in the Conference only eighty-two reported any collection at all, and of this number twenty-two charges reported less than \$1 each.

This shows one hundred and three charges failing in this sacred obligation.

The total amount from the Tennessee Conference was \$376.76. So far the record for 1896-97 is as follows: *Only seventy-nine* out of one hundred and eighty-two charges report collections, leaving one hundred and three charges seeming to disregard both the moral obligation to the Bible Society and the clear law of the Church. The amount reported to date is \$250.33, \$126.43 less than last year's meager contribution.

We, your committee, respectfully urge the presiding elders and pastors to look into these things and rally to the support of this institution.

We also respectfully urge our pastors to take this collection early in the Conference year, instead of waiting until other and seemingly more urgent collections crowd out in part or altogether this sacred claim. Our duty is made more imperative by the fact that the total income of the American Bible Society has fallen off during the last two years over \$100,000, which means over 140,000 less copies of God's holy Word for distribution.

Any further falling off of income means to seriously hurt the society's world-wide work. Whatever others may do, let us do our part to enable this institution to accomplish its noble purpose. In view, then, of what this society has done and is now doing; in view of what it will do for us of Tennessee, and for God's cause everywhere if not hindered by lack of money, we again earnestly urge our preachers to present and press these claims, so that at our next Conference not one charge shall fail to report a collection.

T. A. CARDEN, *Chairman*;

J. J. STOWE, *Secretary*.

V. EDUCATION.

REPORT No. 1.

Your board is glad to be able to report Vanderbilt University in a very prosperous condition. The report made to your board shows the matriculations in the university at this early date in the scholastic year to be 724, giving a reasonable hope that the university will approach during the year very closely 1,000 matriculates.

It is especially gratifying to us to be able to say that the endowment of the university has allowed the contribution in aid of pupils to reach the large sum of \$16,000.

The following from the Chancellor's report is heartily commended by the board: "Three Bible classes are conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association and one by me personally in Wesley Hall on Sunday morning. None of these are counted in our curriculum."

REPORT No. 2.

It is with regret that the Board of Education is compelled to say that the reports which come from the Nashville College for Young Ladies indicate that its financial burdens are such that it will not be able to continue without financial relief. It has become an established fact that no school, male or female, can offer education of the highest grade without endowment.

Dr. Price has been able for years to maintain a high grade of education under great financial pressure; but from causes which it is not necessary in this report to detail, the school has now been reduced to less than 100 pupils, which does not allow its ongoing without financial assistance from the Church. In order, therefore, to aid in the education of our daughters, especially those of itinerant preachers, we recommend to the Conference the acceptance of our suggestion of last year—that \$1,000 be added to our assessment on

the Conference for the purpose, and on the terms then indicated; and invite the Conference, in view of the great interest at stake, to a full and free discussion of the whole question at issue.

Resolved, That we approve the assessment of \$1,000 additional to the assessment of last year, and order it made upon the Conference with the understanding that the amount collected for said \$1,000 of additional assessment shall not be expended during the year, but turned over to this Conference at its next session, to be disposed of by the Conference one year from now.

H. B. REAMS, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 3.

The Board of Education would earnestly call the attention of the Conference to the opportunity which the Scarritt Bible and Training School presents for the fitting of our Christian young women for effective work in our churches. This training is not only valuable for our foreign missionary work, but of equal importance for home workers, especially in Sunday-schools, the Epworth League, and home missionary work. Therefore

Resolved, That we, as pastors, will diligently seek out such young women in our charges as we think best fitted, and, wherever practicable, induce them to attend this school, situated in Kansas City, Mo.

H. B. REAMS, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 4.

At the last session of the Annual Conference the following action was had:

The Conference referred to this Board the following resolution:

Resolved, That we approve the plan of the Vanderbilt University looking to enlarged representation on the Board of Trust from other parts of our Connection; and, in order that the same may be carried into execution, we, the Tennessee Conference, express our readiness to be content with one representative on said Board, instead of two, as heretofore.

"W. R. PEEBLES,
"J. T. CURRY,
"W. J. COLLIER,
"A. P. McFERRIN, Jr."

The board has patiently considered the grave matters involved.

The Visiting Committee appointed to visit Vanderbilt University has reported as follows:

"The Vanderbilt University is not under the special care of the Tennessee Conference, but is the ward of the general Church; however, as it is located in the bounds of our Conference, your committee was appointed to visit and report upon especially the Biblical Department.

"We are informed that an examination of the charter under which Vanderbilt University is acting and of old records both of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University and of this Conference will show the facts to be far otherwise. The relation of Vanderbilt University to the Church is of such gravity that your board respectfully begs leave to report the following action:

Resolved, That we sympathize with the object sought in the resolution, but ask that action be deferred until our charter and contract relations to this great trust can be fully investigated and agreed upon, and proper legal steps be had to put our action in such form as to continue the rightful relation of the Church to the university.

"D. C. KELLEY, *Secretary*."

Adopted by the Conference.

The gravity of the issues involved has led your board to a thorough investigation of the history of the connection of the Conference with the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University. The results of this investigation we herewith submit.

At the session of the Tennessee Conference held in Lebanon, Tenn., in October, 1871, the following action was had:

Welborn Mooney offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we request the presiding bishop to appoint a committee of three to confer with the Memphis, North Alabama, North Mississippi, and any other Conference likely to cooperate with us in reference to the establishment and endowment of a Methodist university of high grade and large endowment.

D. C. KELLEY,
WELBORN MOONEY.

"The President appointed this committee: D. C. Kelley, A. L. P. Green, and R. A. Young."

The above is a true transcript from the journal of the Tennessee Conference.

W. M. LEFTWICH, *Secretary*.

In pursuance of the object of this resolution the members of the committee visited a number of central Conferences, delegates from which were appointed and a convention of these delegates was held in the city of Memphis in January, 1872.

The following historical sketch of the movement is taken from the address issued by the board, at its meeting in Iuka, Miss., in August, 1872:

To the Bishop and Members of the — Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Last year you appointed a committee to consider, with committees appointed by other Conferences, the subject of a university, such as would meet the wants of the Church and country particularly in your and their bounds—the purpose being, if concert of action could be obtained, to proceed to the establishment of said university upon a permanent foundation, and in proportion to the financial ability and enlightened liberality of our members and friends. The committees appointed met in convention in the city of Memphis last January, and after free and full interchange of opinions, and with the advice of Bishops Paine and McTyeire, present and aiding in the deliberations of the convention, adopted a plan for said university. Under the plan, a Board of Trust was nominated and authorized to obtain a charter of incorporation. This charter has been obtained from the Chancery Court at Nashville, Tenn., and a copy thereof is herewith submitted to you. An examination of its provisions will show that it is not only ample, but unusually liberal, and, in its leading features, is perfectly adapted to the object in view; and at the same time it can be readily amended to meet requirements which may be suggested by experience.

At a meeting of the board, in the city of Nashville, held in May, 1872, the following resolutions were adopted—viz.:

“Whereas the convention which met at Memphis January 24, 1872, adopted means looking to the establishment, as speedily as practicable, of an institution of learning of the highest order and upon the surest basis, where the youth of the Church and country may prosecute theological, literary, scientific, and professional studies to an extent as great, and in a manner as thorough, as their wants demand; and whereas the convention left the location of the university to the decision of the College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and also requested the bishops to act as a Board of Supervisors to the university or any of its departments, and jointly with the Board of Trust to elect officers and professors, and prescribe the course of study and the plan of government;

“1. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be and is hereby directed to address the bishops with a view of obtaining their acceptance of the foregoing official relations to the university.

“2. That the Secretary invite the bishops to attend the present meeting of the Board of Trust.”

In response to the above the College of Bishops presented the following communication to the board—viz.:

“MAY 9, 1872, 8 P.M.

To the Board.

“*Brethren:* I am instructed to communicate to you the following resolutions of the College of Bishops, which was unanimous.

H. N. MCTYEIRE, *Secretary*.

“1. *Resolved*, That the College of Bishops accede to the request, made by the Board of Curators of the contemplated university, to locate the institution whenever the sum of \$500,000 shall be pledged for the enterprise.

“2. That by this act we are not to be understood as implying that the said institution is to be considered as connectional, to the damage of existing colleges and universities. We can take no official relation to the Central University that will discriminate between it and any and every other institution of the Church. Nevertheless we feel free to give our decided approval to the combination of the several Annual Conferences represented in the convention in Memphis, or so many of them as may agree together, acting through their respective bodies, in getting up an institution of the highest grade.

“3. That as the question of theological schools is in controversy among our people, we propose no action that may be construed into an expression of our collective opinion on the subject; but it is made a condition of the first resolution—that the Theological Department to be comprised with the Literary and Professional Departments of the proposed Central University be such as is consistent with the action of the General Conference held in Memphis in 1870, in the words following: “*Resolved*, That we endorse the action of the last General Conference in reference to Biblical chairs in connection with our existing colleges as the best available means for training young preachers.”

“4. That our Secretary be instructed to give notice of this to the Board of Curators.”

Thereupon the board adopted the following resolutions:

"1. *Resolved*, That the terms and conditions upon which the bishops of the Church are willing, in due and proper form, to accede to the request made of them by the late educational convention held in Memphis, to locate the proposed university, are, in the judgment of this Board, sufficient to encourage it in the prosecution of this scheme of education contemplated by said convention; and as such they are hereby accepted and will be observed in good faith by this board.

"2. That the Secretary furnish a copy of the above resolution to the College of Bishops."

Thus it is seen that the utmost harmony was secured, with a clear statement and recognition of the character, relations, and aims of the university, all in perfect accord with the latest action of our General Conference. And besides there was secured the cordial approval of the College of Bishops in behalf of an enterprise which promises, in connection with our other institutions of learning, to accomplish a great work for Christian education under Methodist direction and control. And now, having brought the subject before you in a tangible shape, we beg to add that, as a board, we have adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That since the charter leaves the perpetuity of the board in its own power, we request the several Annual Conferences cooperating to nominate at least four representatives from each. So soon as this shall be done the present board will reorganize in such a manner as to secure the election of Trustees so nominated, and that thereafter when vacancies shall occur they shall be filled by nominations by the several Annual Conferences, and confirmed by the board, it being understood that the board will not be enlarged beyond the first number, except so far as shall be necessary to give four members to each of the Conferences cooperating."

Asking your sanction and cooperation with us in behalf of the university, and particularly your aid in the organization of a system of agencies for procuring an endowment fund of \$500,000, we now commit this whole subject to your deliberation and action, praying that you and we enjoy divine guidance in the performance of this and all other work for the Church.

D. C. KELLEY, *Secretary of Board*.

Iuka, Miss., August, 1872.

CHARTER.

The Central University of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was chartered by decree of the Chancery Court at Nashville, August 6, 1872; Minute Book "W," pages 267 and 268, of said court in the cause of Central University of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, *ex parte*. And the charter was amended and name changed to "The Vanderbilt University" June 16, 1873, by decree of same court in same cause, entered in Minute Book "X," page 309.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

At the session of the Tennessee Annual Conference for 1873, at Franklin, Tenn., the following action was had in regard to Vanderbilt University, as a part of the report of the Committee on Education:

At your session two years since at Lebanon you had the wisdom to inaugurate a university scheme of the largest magnitude; we are glad to report to you that God, our Father, has given his approval in a very marked manner to your faith and zeal. What you then expected to accomplish only by long and persistent effort has been accomplished for you by the noble and opportune gift of Com. Cornelius Vanderbilt, amounting to \$500,000. This act of unparalleled generosity upon the part of a citizen of New York to our Church commands our esteem and gratitude in an unmeasured degree. The Trustees hope to present you a complete building of magnificent proportions by the time of your next Conference session. It is recommended that Drs. Green and Young be appointed to the positions to which they have been elected by the Board of Trust of the University.

D. C. KELLEY, *Chairman*.

Agent of Vanderbilt University, R. A. Young; Treasurer of Vanderbilt University, A. L. P. Green.

The above is a correct transcript from the Journal of the Tennessee Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Franklin, Tenn., October 15, 1873.

W. M. LEFTWICH, *Secretary*.

The following resolution, sent up by the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University, was presented to the Conference:

NASHVILLE, TENN., SEPTEMBER 30, 1874.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Garland, was passed by the Board of Trust, Vanderbilt University:

"Forasmuch as the charter of Vanderbilt University confers upon the Board of Trust the exclusive right and power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body; and as this power can not be delegated to any other body of persons; therefore be it

Resolved, That this board will now proceed to fill the vacancy which has been created by the death of the late Dr. Green. But in order to maintain the closest connection with the patronizing Conferences, the board submits this and every other election to fill a vacancy in its own body to the confirmation of the Annual Conference from which the election is made."

A true copy.

R. A. YOUNG, *Secretary Vanderbilt University*.

To which the Conference returned the following response:

1. *Resolved*, That, in view of the relations already established by contract between the Tennessee Conference and Vanderbilt University, we proceed now to nominate one of our members to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trust caused by the death of Dr. Green, and that we nominate Dr. R. A. Young.

2. That, in response to the request of the Board of Trust, we consent to modify the original contract so that hereafter, when a vacancy occurs, the board may nominate one of our members to us for confirmation, the nominee not to be a member of the board until confirmed by us.

JOHN F. HUGHES;
JOHN W. HANNER.

The above is a true transcript from the journal of the Tennessee Annual Conference, of its session held in Gallatin, Tenn., October 12, 1874.

W. M. LEFTWICH, *Secretary*.

We would call the attention of the Conference to several important facts in the above history:

The original charter of Central University is the present charter of Vanderbilt University; the charter members are such as representatives of the several Conferences named—viz., Memphis, Tennessee, North Mississippi, White River, North Alabama, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Little Rock.

These representatives constitute a Board of Trust, to whom full power "to do whatever is necessary for the execution of this scheme" is given by the charter.

The charter gives to "any Annual Conference hereafter cooperating with us a fair representation in the management."

The original Board of Trust was nominated by the Memphis convention, in January, 1872. After the charter had been secured it was thought best that the Conferences cooperating should nominate their own representatives, on which ground the first Board of Trust requested the Conferences to nominate four representatives each, and pledged that "thereafter when vacancies shall occur, they shall be filled by nominations by the several Annual Conferences." The charter gave to the Board of Trust full power of control and full power of self-perpetuation.

When, therefore, at a later date the board, fearing that Conference control might not be to the best interest of the university, asked to be released from the contract before entered into by which the nomination of the members of the Board was placed with the Conferences, the Tennessee Conference, knowing that the only hold the Church had upon the management of the university was the power of the Annual Conferences to select their own representatives, declined to annul this contract right, but consented to a modification, agreeing to transfer the right of nomination to the board on condition that said nominee should not take his seat as a member of the board and representative of the Conference until "confirmed by the Conference."

We are informed and believe that the Board of Trust has paid no attention to the action of the Conference in this regard; that when vacancies have occurred successors have been elected and they have at once taken their seats.

We beg leave to say to the Conference, and through you to the Church at large, that the abrogation of the contract right to allow the Conferences a voice in the appointment of

members of the Board of Trust leaves the Church without any power to control the management of the university. The charter gives the right of management exclusively into the hands of the Board of Trust, and the law confers upon the board the power of self-perpetuation, which power it may exercise without reference to any action had by any Church body whatsoever.

The only check upon the power of self-perpetuation and self-control by the Board of Trust is the clause of the charter which says "that the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be and are hereby requested to act as a Board of Supervision of the university or any of its departments, and jointly with the Board of Trust to elect officers and professors, and prescribe the course of study and the plan of government."

You can easily see when you have extended your representatives to forty or more, as is contemplated in the present movement of the board, that the day may come when the presence of the bishops may be inadequate to secure Church control of the university. It is true to-day that we have every confidence in the Board of Trust and its purposes, but in great interests, such as Vanderbilt University, which are expected to continue for all time, the part of true wisdom is to plan not for the present only, but for the possibilities of a long future. It is a matter of doubt to-day whether the bishops have, under the charter, any control or vote in the management of the university, beyond the items specifically mentioned.

You will not charge your Conference Board of Education with too great caution in this matter, when you remember the numerous conflicts which have occurred between Church courts and the Trustees of educational foundations recognized as Church schools, and have witnessed the ease with which such Trustees have snapped their fingers in the face of the findings of such courts. You have not forgotten that recently the Trustees of a female school under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church elected a brewer to a place on the board and allowed the resolution of the Conferences condemning such action to pass unheeded as *brutum fulmen*.

After these careful words of warning which we have felt in duty bound to utter, we are free to say that we regard the General Conference as the proper body to control the election of the Board of Trust, as it is in our esteem every way desirable that this great university, centrally located, should become the property and be under the control of the united wisdom of the Church. Since to our Conference is due the honor of formally inaugurating the special movement which has, with God's signal blessing, given to the Church this great university, we deem it no more than right that we now make the suggestion to the cooperating Conferences and to the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University that the time has come for a united action looking to this result. In order to attain this end we suggest the following:

1. *Resolved*, That the time has fully come when the control and ownership of Vanderbilt University should be in the General Conference, and that to this end we declare our willingness to transfer to that body all rights, title, and interest we have in said university; and hereby solicit the cooperation of all Conferences represented and the Board of Trust in securing this desirable end.

2. That until this is accomplished we adhere to the *status* secured to us by contract, which gives us a controlling voice in the appointment of our representatives on the Board of Trust.

H. B. REAMS, *Chairman*;
D. C. KELLEY, *Secretary*.

Columbia, October 22, 1897.

REPORT NO. 5.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following amounts were assessed for education by the last Annual Conference:

For the General Board.....	\$ 641 00
For Paine and Lane Institutes.....	700 00
For the Tennessee Conference.....	1,660 00—\$3,001 00

Collected on the foregoing accounts from the districts, as follows:

	Assessed.	Paid.
Nashville District...	\$615 00	\$213 00
East Nashville District.....	317 50	225 38
Lebanon District.....	226 00	42 35
Murfreesboro District.....	292 85	138 66
Fayetteville District.....	274 65	76 74
Columbia District.....	307 50	171 34
Franklin District.....	307 50	138 15
Clarksville District.....	322 50	294 16
Dickson District.....	187 50	98 05
Savannah District.....	150 00	22 30—\$1,420 13

The amount has been divided as follows:

To the General Board of Education.....	\$270 70
To Paine and Lane Institutes.....	321 80
To the Tennessee Conference.....	827 63—\$1,420 13
Received of Rev. J. T. Curry, Treasurer Sunday-School Board	\$ 87 67
Amount collected on assessment added.....	827 63
For our work in the Conference the coming year.....	\$915 30

The assessment for 1897-98 is as follows:

For the General Board.....	\$ 641 00
For Paine and Lane Institutes.....	700 00
For the Tennessee Conference.....	2,660 00—\$4,001 00

This amount is apportioned among the districts as follows:

Nashville District.....	\$800 00
East Nashville District.....	450 00
Murfreesboro District	400 00
Fayetteville District.....	376 00
Columbia District.....	400 00
Franklin District.....	400 00
Clarksville District.....	425 00
Dickson District.....	250 00
Savannah District	200 00
Lebanon District.....	300 00—\$4,001 00

VI. TEMPERANCE.

We are persuaded, and rejoice in the fact, that there is a very decided opposition, both among the ministers and laity of the Tennessee Annual Conference, to *intemperance*. Our Church-membership is free from the curse of intoxicant liquors, with but comparatively few exceptions. There is *unquestionably* a growing sentiment among our people against the use of intoxicants in any form.

1. *Resolved*, That this body reaffirms and reiterates its undying opposition to the awful ravages of the liquor traffic, and the open saloon, which is a sin against God and a crime against humanity.

2. That we deeply deplore the sad action of our recent State Legislature in wilfully refusing the heart wishes of thousands of the very best people of Tennessee, in not granting an extension of the memorable "four-mile law" to our towns and cities, which are blighted and cursed with the ruinous liquor trade and the infamous *open saloon*.

3. That we do here and now commit ourselves afresh to the work of aiding any genuine reform movement looking to the putting of good men in our legislative halls, who are pronounced in their views against this monster evil, and who will give the people their inalienable rights.

4. That, while we do not presume to dictate to our voting members their political affiliations, we do express the opinion that no genuine Methodist should be controlled by any political *clique* or party organization that is managed in the interest of the saloon business, and we do affirm that the only proper attitude of every true Methodist toward this traffic is one of uncompromising opposition and a never-ending warfare until the whole thing is literally wiped from the face of the earth.

T. W. NOLAND, *Chairman pro tem.*

VII. CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

After persistent effort we were able to interest not only our three Conferences occupying Tennessee, but all the Methodism of the state, in hearty cooperation for the purpose of a Methodist exhibit worthy of our historic and predominant position, when our attention was arrested by the following action of the Christian Ministers' Alliance, of Nashville:

"1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our full and hearty sympathy with the patriotic purposes of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition; and we are ready now, as we have ever been from its inception, to do all that we can consistent with the interests of Christ's kingdom toward making the Exposition the success it deserves and promises to be.

"2. We would also express our delight and satisfaction that the directors have decided not to open the gates of the Exposition on the Sabbath for any purpose, to prohibit gambling on the grounds absolutely, and to prevent the exhibition of indecent and immoral shows.

"3. At the same time we must deplore and deeply regret the determination of the directors to permit the sale of beer and light wines within the enclosure, and against this action we do most respectfully but emphatically protest.

"J. I. VANCE,

"J. C. MORRIS,

"R. C. REED,

"G. A. LOFTON,

"W. M. GREEN."

A meeting of the Commission was immediately called, and the following action was taken:

"Whereas at the time we, as representatives of Methodism in Tennessee, undertook to cooperate with the Centennial management so as to aid in the success of what we believed to be a grand historical and patriotic enterprise, the grounds selected for the Exposition were located in territory under the protection of what is known as the 'four-mile law;' and whereas we are now informed by the Executive Committee that it is their purpose to incorporate said ground, and thereby remove it from the operation of the said law;

"*Resolved*, That under the circumstances it is best for this Commission to be dissolved, and that no further steps be taken to make an official exhibit of the Methodist Churches at the approaching Centennial Exposition."

Thus ended all our connection with the Centennial.

We offer for your acceptance the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Commission be continued for the purpose of collecting and depositing in a safe receptacle all possible historical Methodist data.

2. That it shall be a special object to collect, inspect, and preserve all minutes and memoranda of Conference-sessions.

3. We urge that autobiographical sketches be obtained from all of our preachers, together with local historical traditions and relics which have come to their knowledge.

D. C. KELLEY, *Chairman;*

WILLIAM M. GREEN, *Secretary.*

VIII. CHURCH PROPERTY.

The statistics belonging to this report are embodied in the report of the Statistical Secretary. We notice, however, a considerable advance over last year in the number of churches and parsonages.

We suggest that there be an investigation of the titles of property already owned, or which may be acquired by the Church, according to the provisions of the Discipline.

We also suggest the planting of trees around churches and parsonages when necessary.

It would not be a bad plan if every preacher possessed a box of tools and used them freely. It is less expensive to keep up a fence than it is to build a new one.

Don't neglect the insurance, both in town and country.

J. F. HENRY, *Chairman*;
W. D. WENDEL, *Secretary*.

IX. DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your committee appointed to examine the District Conference Records desires to report as follows:

Nashville District.—This is a most elegant record, a model of neatness and accuracy. We must, however, criticize the criticism of the Committee on Quarterly Conference Records as reported on page 158, in which it is stated that the presiding elder's name ought to appear on the official roll of the South Street Church. We do not know how such a criticism passed the District Conference, but it is evidently a matter deserving correction.

East Nashville District.—This record is well and neatly kept.

Franklin District.—This journal would escape criticism but for the fact that the heading at the beginning and on every page is inaccurate. The statement is: "The twenty-eighth session of the Franklin District, Tennessee Conference, met," etc. It should be: "The twenty-eighth session of the District Conference of the Franklin District, Tennessee Conference, met," etc. It is only just, however, to state that the Secretary followed the precedent set by the Secretaries since the nineteenth session of this District Conference.

Dickson District.—At the first session the Conference "determined" to adjourn at 12 o'clock, but during the morning session of the second day adjourned on *motion* for preaching by Bishop Granbery. There is nothing in the minutes to show at what hour the Conference should meet in the morning. The morning session of the third day adjourned on motion for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, without any extension of time. The penmanship of this journal is good. It is neatly and well kept and has full marginal references.

Savannah District.—This record is very incomplete. It has no official roll. Its headings are not well arranged, and the penmanship is very poor. It needs improvement in almost every particular. A larger and more suitable book is needed.

Columbia District.—This record is a model of neatness, and its arrangement is of the very best.

Murfreesboro District.—This book is well kept, except that it fails to give any official roll at all. It only gives the names of those present.

Lebanon District.—This record is not properly headed, and is not indexed; otherwise very well kept.

Clarksville District.—This record is commended in every respect.

Fayetteville District.—The record of this Conference is fairly well kept.

J. F. TINNON, *Chairman*;
A. M. TRAWICK, JR., *Secretary*.

X. CHURCH EXTENSION.

Appropriations were made as follows:

	Value of Church.	Appropriated.
To Trinity, Davidson County, East Nashville District.....	\$ 2,000	\$ 100
To Westmoreland, Sumner County, East Nashville District...	600	100
To Woodlawn, Montgomery County, Clarksville District.....	800	50
To Indian Mound, Montgomery County, Clarksville District..	1,400	100
To Fagan's Chapel, Dickson County, Dickson District.....	1,600	50

To Donelson Memorial, Stewart County, Dickson District.....	\$ 2,100	\$ 200
To Pleasant Grove, Lawrence County, Savannah District.....	1,000	75
To Swann Chapel, Lewis County, Savannah District.....	800	50
To Hurricane Church, Maury County, Columbia District.....	1,500	100
To Trinity, Williamson County, Franklin District..	3,500	200
To Prairie Plains, Coffee County, Fayetteville District.....	500	50
To Molino, Lincoln County, Fayetteville District.....	800	75
To Bethel, Grundy County, Fayetteville District.....	500	20
To Mont Eagle, Marion County, Fayetteville District.....	3,000	100
To Monterey, Putnam County, Lebanon District.....	815	100
To Viola, Warren County, Murfreesboro District.....	2,000	100

Total.....\$22,915 \$1,470

This Conference is assessed for Church Extension for 1897-98 \$6,000, which has been distributed as follows:

Clarksville District.....	\$ 695
Dickson District.....	300
Savannah District.....	280
Franklin District.....	675
Columbia District.....	675
Fayetteville District.....	595
Murfreesboro District.....	600
Lebanon District.....	475
East Nashville District.....	675
Nashville District.....	1,030

Total.....\$6,000

J. D. HAMILTON, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Balance on hand at last report.....	\$1,367 16
Half amount received during the year 1896-97.....	1,481 35—\$2,848 51

1896.

Disbursements.

Oct. 29. Paid J. D. Hamilton for Ebenezer Church.....	\$ 22 00
29. Paid Dr. David Morton for <i>Bulletin</i>	15 00
30. Paid W. D. Swift, for Mt. Zion Church.....	50 00
30. Paid W. J. Benton, for Palestine Church.....	100 00
30. Paid R. N. Mosely, for McBurg Church.....	75 00
30. Paid J. L. Smotherman, for Gainesboro Church. ...	75 00
30. Paid A. L. Comer, for Quebeck Church.....	50 00
30. Paid J. D. Smith, for Edgewood Church.....	50 00
30. Paid H. D. Denning, for New Bethel Church.....	50 00
30. Paid L. R. Amis, for Huntland Church.....	75 00
30. Paid J. J. Green, Jr., for Waverly Place Church... ..	100 00
30. Paid A. S. Williams, for Alex Green Church.....	50 00
Dec. 7. Paid Joseph M. Warren, for Linden Church.....	100 00
7. Paid P. P. Fitzhugh, for Trinity Church.....	50 00
1897.	
Jan. 8. Paid W. K. Woodard, for Fayetteville Church.....	350 00
Mar. 5. Paid M. A. Meacham, for Garrison Church.....	150 00
10. Paid for stamps and stationery.....	2 50— 1,364 50
Amount on hand and subject to appropriation...	\$1,484 01

Receipts by Districts.

DISTRICT.	Assessed.	Paid.	1897.	1896.
Nashville	\$1,000 00	\$ 357 00	36 %	34 %
East Nashville	675 00	463 17	70	64
Lebanon.....	475 00	113 50	24	17
Fayetteville.....	595 66	220 93	37	30
Murfreesboro.....	634 34	257 28	41	29
Columbia.....	675 00	387 67	57	40
Franklin.....	675 00	284 90	42	35
Savannah.....	280 00	91 40	33	24
Dickson	325 00	164 78	50	43
Clarksville.....	665 00	622 07	94	90
Total	\$6,000 00	\$2,962 70	50	42

Collected this year\$2,962 70

Collected last year..... 2,712 62

Gain over last year.....\$ 250 08

J. B. MURREY, *Treasurer.*

WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the Tennessee Conference was organized in 1890 at Nashville, Tenn. At the last annual meeting, held at Murfreesboro in March, 1897, forty auxiliaries were reported in the ten districts. After taking from the roll several societies that had not been heard from in twelve months, we have thirty-four live, working auxiliaries, with a membership of 736. Six of this number have been organized and one reorganized since July 11.

Our Conference President, Mrs. Virginia Bandy, will visit during the year all auxiliaries, to encourage and strengthen the weak; she will also go to points unorganized. We trust she will have the warm sympathy and hearty cooperation of all preachers in the Tennessee Conference.

Of the thirty-nine Conferences in our organization, Tennessee heads the list in six departments of the work, and ranks first in money raised for all purposes.

MRS. E. W. FINCH, *Conference Corresponding Secretary.*

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President, Mrs. Virginia Bandy, 505 Joseph Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, 514 Russell Street, Nashville, Tenn.; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. R. Harwell, North High Street, Nashville, Tenn.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. W. Finch, 238 Treutlan Street, Nashville, Tenn.; Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, 715 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tenn.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. V. L. Williams, 610 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tenn.

XI. BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Whereas information has been communicated to this board through the Church press that the senior Missionary Secretary has secured by subscription the amount in full of the indebtedness of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South;

Resolved, That we congratulate the Church on this great achievement, and trust that this marks the beginning of a new era of activity in foreign missionary work.

Resolved, That we urge our people to larger liberality, knowing that the incubus of debt is now removed, and that not one cent of our collections will in future be needed to pay interest on debt, or to pay principal of debt.

Resolved, That the pastors be earnestly requested to send in their domestic missionary money as early after adjournment of Conference as possible, so that the Treasurer may be able to pay the missionaries of this board quarterly.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this board be instructed not to hand over the fourth quarter's draft to any missionary of the board until he shall have received from him the statistical report for his mission.

Amounts assessed for foreign missions, \$19,000; domestic missions, \$10,000. Apportioned to the districts as follows:

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.
Nashville District.....	\$ 3,601 50	\$ 2,004 00
East Nashville.....	2,650 05	1,345 47
Lebanon District.....	1,307 52	651 67
Murfreesboro District.....	2,099 51	1,158 80
Fayetteville District.....	1,860 42	901 34
Columbia District.....	2,160 03	1,115 72
Franklin District.....	1,924 40	986 24
Savannah District.....	559 30	291 61
Dickson District.....	717 22	376 23
Clarksville District.....	2,120 05	1,168 92
Total.....	\$19,000 00	\$10,000 00

Appropriations for domestic missions amount to \$8,575, as follows:

<i>Nashville District.</i>		Quebeck Mission.....\$ 200 00	
City Mission.....	\$ 375 00	Spencer Mission.....	200 00
South Street Mission.....	125 00	Woodbury Mission.....	100 00
Centenary Mission.....	200 00	Sparta Mission.....	200 00
Watkins Grove Mission.....	100 00	Normandy Mission.....	100 00
Total.....	\$ 800 00	Total.....	\$1,125 00
<i>East Nashville District.</i>		<i>Fayetteville District.</i>	
Green Brier Mission.....	\$ 150 00	Mont Eagle and Decherd Mission..	\$ 250 00
Fountain Head Mission.....	150 00	Hillsboro Mission.....	150 00
Fairfield Mission.....	150 00	Pelham Mission.....	150 00
Pleasant Grove Mission.....	100 00	Macedonia Mission.....	100 00
Alex Erwin Mission.....	150 00	Total.....	\$ 650 00
	\$ 700 00	<i>Columbia District.</i>	
<i>Lebanon District.</i>		Fall River Mission.....	\$ 150 00
Pleasant Grove Mission.....	\$ 100 00	Bunker Hill Mission.....	150 00
Gainesboro Mission.....	200 00	Taylor's Chapel Mission.....	100 00
Livingston Mission.....	200 00	Total.....	\$ 400 00
Overton Mission.....	100 00	<i>Franklin District.</i>	
Obed River Mission.....	100 00	Berlin Mission.....	\$ 100 00
Cainsville Mission.....	150 00	Almaville Mission.....	250 00
Cookeville Mission.....	150 00	Bethlehem and Johnson Mission..	100 00
Monterey Mission.....	300 00	Fernvale Mission.....	250 00
District.....	200 00	Total.....	\$ 700 00
Total.....	\$1,500 00	<i>Savannah District.</i>	
<i>Murfreesboro District.</i>		Linden Mission.....	\$ 200 00
McMinnville Mission.....	\$ 125 00		
Beersheba Mission.....	200 00		

Cane Creek Mission	\$ 150 00	Vernon Mission.....	\$ 200 00
Summertown Mission.....	200 00	Dover Mission.....	75 00
Sandy Hook Mission.....	50 00	District	225 00
Wayland Springs Mission.....	200 00	Total.....	\$1,000 00
District.....	400 00		
Total.....	\$1,200 00		
<i>Dickson District.</i>			
McEwen Mission.....	\$ 150 00	Palmyra Mission.....	\$ 250 00
White Bluff Mission.....	350 00	Forest St. and Bethlehem Mission.	250 00
		Total.....	\$ 500 00

A. P. McFERRIN, JR., *Secretary.***XII. JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.**

REPORT No. 1.

Herewith we hand you the report of the Trustees of the Seay Bequest, with the recommendation that it be approved by the Conference.

We recommend the continuance of R. Q. Word, J. W. Powell, Frazier Cochran, and P. S. Bass as Trustees, and the appointment of T. H. Johnson as Trustee in the place of J. B. Tarver, resigned.

R. P. McCLAIN, *Chairman;*IRVINE K. CHASE, *Secretary.*

Your Board of Trustees would respectfully submit the following report:

On the 20th of September, after proper advertisement, we leased to the highest bidder, Mr. James Thompson, the whole of the Seay Bequest for the period of twenty years. Proper provision was made for the protection of the grave of the donor, Rev. John Seay. We received for the lease four notes, bearing interest from January 1, 1898, of \$250 each, payable in one, two, three, and four years.

It is the intention of this board to immediately secure a suitable home for the preacher on Lebanon Circuit with the proceeds of the lease. The pastor, Brother Funk, has lived on the farm this year and received the rent, after deducting \$20 to make payment on a well dug two years ago, and on which there will be due \$20 next year, the only indebtedness on the place.

The widow's part was rented out this year for \$25; the rent has not yet been collected. This part was included in the lease, and this board will at the proper time turn over to your Joint Board of Finance its share in the lease.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. POWELL, FRAZIER COCHRAN,
R. Q. WORD, P. S. BASS.

REPORT No. 2.

We submit herewith, with our approval, the report of the Trustees of the Fund for Superannuated Preachers and Widows and Orphans.

R. P. McCLAIN, *Chairman;*IRVINE K. CHASE, *Secretary.*

T. P. WEAKLEY, Secretary and Treasurer, in account with the Fund for Superannuated Preachers and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Preachers.

1896.		<i>Dr.</i>	
Dec.	1. Dividend No. 44, eighty-five shares N. and D. R. R.....	\$	63 75
1897.			
Feb.	24. Union Bank and Trust Co., assignees Safe Deposit Trust and Banking Co., Dividend No. 2, 10 per cent.....		286 79
June	1. Dividend No. 45, eighty-five shares N. and D. R. R.....		63 75
Oct.	1. Board of Missions, interest on notes to October 1, 1887....		668 70—\$ 1,082 99
	Board of Missions, note November 1, 1894.....	\$10,125	00
	Board of Missions, note January 20, 1896.....	860	00
	Board of Missions, note March 10, 1897.....	286 79—	11,271 79
Jan.	4. January, 1897, coupon, state bond.....	\$	15 00
July	7. July, 1897, coupon, state bond.....	15 00—	30 00
			<hr/> \$12,384 78

1897.	Cr.	
March 10.	Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, note, March 10, 1897.....	\$ 286 79
Oct. 1.	Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, note, October 1, 1897, at one day, 6 per cent.....	11,271 79
Oct. 16.	Amount of Check No. 8, Union Bank and Trust Company, paid J. L. Parkes, Secretary and Treasurer Joint Board of Finance.....	826 20—\$12,384 78

Assets.

Three per cent Tennessee state bond	\$ 1,000 00
Note, Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, October 1, 1897, one day, 6 per cent.	11,271 79
Eighty-five shares, N. and D. R. R. stock.....	2,125 00
Unpaid notes (mostly doubtful).....	843 00
Balance due from Safe Deposit, Trust, and Banking Company (suspended).....	717 00
	<hr/> \$15,956 79

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. MACRAE, *President*;T. P. WEAKLEY, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

REPORT No. 3.

When the Commercial National Bank, of Nashville, failed, our late brother, W. H. Morrow, had there on deposit, as Chairman, certain funds of the Joint Board, including the collection for printing Minutes. After applying the dividends realized on said account—namely, \$198.60—to the credit of the bill for printing the Minutes of 1892, there is still a balance of \$70.51 due the Publishing House on their bill.

The Joint Board recommends that the Treasurer of the Joint Board be authorized to pay this balance, and whatever dividends which may yet be realized (it is not expected that over 5 per cent from said account of Brother Morrow will be received) be passed directly into the Minute Fund account without further action on the part of the Conference.

R. P. McCLAIN, *Chairman*;IRVINE K. CHASE, *Secretary.*

REPORT No. 4.

What amount is necessary for the support of the bishops? \$1,832, assessed on the districts as follows:

Nashville District.....	\$ 311 44	Franklin District.....	\$ 187 78
East Nashville District.....	238 16	Savannah District.....	59 54
Lebanon District.....	128 24	Dickson District.....	73 28
Murfreesboro District.....	192 36	Clarksville District.....	229 00
Fayetteville District.....	183 20		
Columbia District.....	229 00	Total.....	\$1,832 00

R. P. McCLAIN, *Chairman*;IRVINE K. CHASE, *Secretary.*

REPORT No. 5:

What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers? \$6,600, assessed on the districts as follows:

Nashville District.....	\$1,122 00	Franklin District.....	\$ 676 50
East Nashville District.....	858 00	Savannah District.....	214 50
Lebanon District.....	462 00	Dickson District.....	264 00
Murfreesboro District.....	693 00	Clarksville District.....	825 00
Fayetteville District.....	660 00		
Columbia District.....	825 00	Total.....	\$6,600 00

R. P. McCLAIN, *Chairman*;IRVINE K. CHASE, *Secretary.*

REPORT No. 6.

What amount is necessary for printing the Journal? \$400, assessed on the districts as follows:

Nashville District.....	\$ 68 00	Franklin District.....	\$ 41 00
East Nashville District.....	52 00	Savannah District.....	13 00
Lebanon District.....	28 00	Dickson District.....	16 00
Murfreesboro District.....	42 00	Clarksville District.....	50 00
Fayetteville District.....	40 00		
Columbia District.....	50 00	Total.....	\$40 00

R. P. McCLAIN, *Chairman*,
IRVIN K. CHASE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 7.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the Conference claimants be paid quarterly instead of at the close of the Conference year, and that the Joint Board of Finance be requested to take the necessary steps to that end.

J. J. RANSOM, J. T. CURRY.
W. M. BASKERVILL, B. F. HAYNES,
H. B. REAMS, W. B. LOWRY.
J. C. MORRIS,

The Joint Board of Finance respectfully returns the foregoing resolution with this statement:

Under our present mode of collecting the fund for claimants, it is impracticable to carry out the purpose of the resolution. Our distributions are made from collections for the *past* year, and the claimants are not *fully* known and the amount for each fixed until the meeting of Conference.

R. P. McCLAIN, *Chairman*;
IRVINE K. CHASE, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 8.

What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers? \$6,600.

What has been collected, and from what sources, and how has it been applied?

From preachers in charge.....	\$4,791 47
From Publishing House.....	1,100 00
From Trustees of Superannuated Preachers' Fund.....	826 20
From Colvin Fund.....	32 90

Total.....\$6,750 57

Applied as follows:

Anderson, Rev. J. B.....	\$ 96 00	Gibson, Rev. J. G.; J. W. Hensley, Trustee.....	\$ 250 00
Anthony, Mrs. N. A.....	264 00	Guinn, Rev. G. D.....	130 00
Bolton, Mrs. J. G.; F. P. McWhir- ter, Trustee.....	322 00	Haggard, Mrs. B. S., and children.	275 00
Brown, Mrs. T. F.....	120 00	Haggard, Rev. R. M.....	113 00
Bryan, Rev. L. C.....	75 00	Hensley, Mrs. W. G.....	75 00
Comer, Mrs. J. J.....	100 00	Hickman, Mrs. W. P.....	100 00
Davis, Mrs. Caleb B.....	84 00	Ivie, Rev. H. J.....	150 00
Doss, Mrs. William.....	169 00	Jones, Mrs. D. H.....	60 00
Ezell, Rev. A. M.....	150 00	Kennedy, Rev. H. S.....	113 00
Fagan, Mrs. R. L.....	132 00	Lankford, Mrs. T. N.....	25 00
Ferrell, Mrs. B. G.....	168 00	Lawrence, Mrs. A. F.....	150 00
Gannaway, Rev. R. P.....	150 00	Ledbetter, Rev. H. S.....	50 00
Gantt, Mrs. B. R.....	113 00	McBride, Miss Georgia; M. H. Mc- Bride, Trustee.....	50 00
Gaston, Rev. B. J.....	75 00	McBride, Miss Blanche.....	50 00
Gaston, Miss Katie Belle; Dr. G. W. Moody, Trustee.....	100 00	Merriman, Rev. D. H.....	168 00

Moore, Comer; M. A. Cummings, Trustee.....\$ 30 00	Register, Mrs. J. W.....\$ 300 00
Moore, Rev. W. N. (twin children of); M. A. Cummings, Trustee.. 120 00	Riggin, Rev. W. H..... 120 00
Myers, Mrs. J. G..... 90 00	Rowland, Mrs. W. T..... 325 00
Nichols, Mrs. Jasper; F. P. Mc- Whirter, Trustee..... 300 00	Sawrie, Mrs. W. D. F..... 100 00
Petway, Mrs. F. S..... 168 00	Swindell, Mrs. W. P..... 60 00
Pittman, Mrs. J. J..... 130 00	Thompson, Mrs. D. S.; T. R. Hol- lowell, Trustee..... 325 00
Plummer, Mrs. J. R..... 36 00	Warren, Mrs. W. P..... 84 00
Putman, Rev. J. C..... 180 00	White, Rev. E. W..... 84 00
Randle, Miss Mary E.; E. S. Ran- dle, Trustee..... 180 00	Wright, Mrs. J. M. (burial expenses of); D. C. Scales, Trustee..... 50 00
Total.....\$6,689 00	Wilkes, Mrs. F. C..... 130 00
Contingent fund on hand..... 61 57	
Total.....\$6,750 57	

R. P. McCLAIN, *Chairman*;IRVINE K. CHASE, *Secretary*.**XIII. PUBLICATION OF THE JOURNAL.**

Your committee report as follows:

Balance on hand from last year.....\$ 4 29
Collections for printing Journal..... 246 96
From Minutes sold and advertisements..... 28 55
Total.....\$279 80
Paid for printing Journal, postage, etc..... 263 96
Balance on hand.....\$ 15 84

L. R. AMIS, *Chairman*.**XIV. MEMORIALS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.**

We have had referred to us five papers, as follows:

1. One from the Lebanon District Conference asking the Conference to request the General Conference "to give us such legislation as will enable us to establish school missions, and upon each school mission a mission school, of which the pastor shall be the principal teacher, the property to be owned and controlled by our Conference."

Your committee recommends that the request be not granted.

2. One from T. B. Fisher and L. R. Amis, asking the Conference to request the General Conference to so alter the boundary-line between the Tennessee and Kentucky Conferences as to include the Chanute Mission in the bounds of the Kentucky Conference, and suggesting that the following words be added to the descriptive boundary of the Kentucky Conference (Discipline, pp. 270, 271): "and the strip lying between Wolf River and the Kentucky line."

Your committee recommends that the memorial be approved.

3. One bearing the signatures of thirteen brethren, clerical and lay, setting forth that the town of Guthrie, Ky., was, by the last General Conference, included in the bounds of the Tennessee Conference; that since that time a parsonage has been built on the charge and steps have been taken to remove the church-building from its present location to a more eligible one; that since its transfer to the Tennessee Conference the charge has prospered; and that the people of the town prefer to have the work remain with us. They therefore ask "that the Conference request that the boundary at the point referred to in this paper remain unchanged."

Your committee recommends that the Conference approve the request.

4. One from the East Nashville District Conference with reference to Epworth Leagues, asking the Conference to "memorialize the General Conference to pass such laws as will place the Epworth Leagues under the control and supervision of the Quarterly Conference of each church," and to make it the duty of such Quarterly Conference to elect the President for each League upon the nomination of the preacher in charge.

Your committee would recommend that this memorial be approved so as to request the General Conference to place the Leagues under the control of the Quarterly Conference in each charge, to require the Quarterly Conference to elect annually the President of the Senior League upon the nomination of the preacher in charge, and to provide that the President so elected shall be *ex officio* a member of the Quarterly Conference.

5. One concerning church certificates, asking the Conference to request the General Conference to change ¶ 138, Answer 19, to the question, "What are the duties of a preacher who has charge of a circuit, station, or mission?" to read as follows:

"To furnish every one removing from his charge, and requesting it, a certificate in the following form:

The bearer hereof, A. B., has been an acceptable member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in C. charge, D. Conference; and he (she) is hereby affectionately recommended to the church at —, or to any other church to which this certificate may be presented. —, P. C."

To this form shall be appended this note:

The certificate of A. B., from C. charge, D. Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been presented to me. —, P. C., — Charge, — Conference.

Which the preacher receiving the certificate shall fill up and at once return to the charge from which it was received.

This certificate shall not be valid longer than twelve months after its date, unless the holder show good cause why it was not sooner presented; otherwise he shall be regarded as having withdrawn from the Church. A member presenting a certificate shall be responsible to the society receiving said certificate for his conduct from the date of the same.

Your committee recommends that the Conference approve this memorial.

The Epworth League Board, through the Secretary, Dr. S. A. Steel, requested the Tennessee Conference to memorialize the next General Conference to change the law governing the Epworth League so as to put the office at Nashville in the same relation to the Publishing House as all the other offices there, and relieve the members of the League from the ten-cent assessment. This request is made for the reason that the present arrangement does not meet the running expenses of the office, and the work is thereby embarrassed.

Your committee recommends the proposed action.

We also recommend the adoption of the following memorial, in regard to parsonage property, signed by W. M. Green and J. C. Morris:

"We, the undersigned, memorialize your honorable body that such revisions be made of ¶ 421 as to better secure the proceeds arising from the sale of parsonage property. It is sadly true that throughout the Church many parsonages have been sold, leaving our preachers without homes and forcing them to rent inferior property, and the proceeds of this parsonage property in nearly all cases has been used in repairing and building churches. When a church-building is sold the proceeds must be invested (minus any debts on the church) in another church-building. Parsonage property is not protected against alienation. The Parsonage and Home Mission Society does protect its property (when sold) from alienation; the Church permits its parsonage property (when sold) to be diverted from its proper channel; therefore we suggest that ¶ 421 be so revised or amended as to protect the funds arising from the sale of parsonages; said funds to be used in the purchase of other parsonage property and the payment of any debts that may be secured by lien on the property. We suggest the following insertion at the eleventh line in

said paragraph—*i. e.*, "When it becomes necessary, because of location or other causes, to sell a parsonage the proceeds shall be used in paying the debts on the property, and the remainder shall be applied to the purchase of other parsonage property and for no other purpose."

We recommend that you do not concur in the following memorial referred to us from the Sunday-School Board, signed by D. C. Scales and H. B. Blue:

We respectfully memorialize the General Conference to revise ¶ 117, under the head of "Duties of Presiding Elders," so as to read, "To procure at the fourth Quarterly Conference full statistics from every charge to be reported at the Annual Conference, in case the preacher in charge fails to make his report, and to have the records of his District Conference at the Annual Conference for examination; also to take a correct list of the names of all Sunday-school superintendents and their post-office address and hand them to the chairman of the Sunday-School Board at the meeting of the Annual Conference.

J. C. MORRIS, *Chairman*.

XV. TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME.

Your committee submits the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas this society is doing a most blessed work in *child-saving* by picking up homeless and friendless children and placing them in Christian homes and affording continued oversight of the same until of legal age; and whereas this society is chartered by the state, securing the best of family homes and loving mothers for this dependent class, that otherwise would become a burden upon the body politic; therefore be it

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the State Superintendent, W. F. Eastman, D.D., and most cordially commend the work of the "Children's Home Society" and its officers to all our churches, and pledge their cooperation and support as we may have opportunity. We believe this the best plan yet discovered for caring for helpless children, and commend its cause as the peer of any Christian charity.

W. M. GREEN,

J. W. BRISTER,

J. W. CHERRY,

Committee.

XVI. MEMOIRS.

WILLIAM H. JOHNSON died at the home of his brother-in-law, Rev. G. L. Staley, in Wilson County, Tenn., January 17, 1897. He was born March 14, 1804. Brother Johnson was twice married: first to Miss Rice, daughter of James Rice, of Wilson County, Tenn. She died during the late war. His second wife was Miss Elizabeth A. Webb, of Smith County, Tenn., to whom he was married in 1867. She died and went home to God about three years before his death. Brother Johnson had no children, so he made his home, after Sister Johnson's death, with Rev. G. L. Staley, where every attention was given that loving hearts could give during his great affliction, caused by a fall on ice, being so badly crippled that he was never able to walk afterward. In all this he never murmured. Patiently he suffered, and waited the call of the Master. Brother Johnson was converted and joined the Methodist Church in early life. We have no data informing us when he was licensed to preach, etc. He joined the Tennessee Conference in 1833, and served the following charges: Cumberland Circuit,

1840-41; Dickson, 1842-43; Salem, 1844; Lebanon Circuit, 1845; Cypress African Mission, 1846; Limestone African Mission, 1847-49; Spruce Street and African Church, Nashville, 1850; African charge, Nashville, 1851; Lebanon and Sumner Colored Mission, 1852; supernumerary, 1855-58; Shady Grove, 1859; Swan Creek and Beaver Dam Mission, 1860; served as chaplain in the Confederate army in 1861; Wartrace Circuit, 1862; received no appointments in 1863-64, as there were no sessions of the Conference, in consequence of the war; Carthage Circuit, 1865; Woodbury, 1866. He was granted a location in 1867, and was a member of the Wartrace Quarterly Conference, Lebanon District; was readmitted and put in charge of the Wartrace Circuit in 1869; was supernumerary 1871-77; was granted a superannuated relation in 1878, which relation he sustained to the Conference until his death. Brother Johnson enjoyed a rich experience in God's saving grace. He was a man of strong and uncompromising faith in God. His education was good for his day, and he was a close stu-

dent, making the Word of God his chief study. He loved to preach, and was a clear and forceful expounder of the Holy Scriptures. He appeared always to be ready to preach. He loved Methodism, and was a strong defender of our doctrine and usages; and, while his great forte was doctrinal preaching, his ministry was blessed with great revivals. In 1840-41, while on the Cumberland Circuit, one of the leading circuits in this Conference, there were more than three hundred conversions and many accessions to the Church. Brother Johnson, as a result of his gracious experience, together with his clear insight into the Holy Scriptures, was far in advance of his people in the spirit and work of missions. He did a great work as a missionary for our brother in black in Tennessee, and more than fifty years ago he collected money and bought Testaments and forwarded them to one of the mission stations in Africa, where, as a result, the gracious work is still going on. He was greatly loved by his brethren. Gentle and sweet-spirited, with inflexible integrity and devotion to the Church, he went from suffering to his rich reward in glory.

M. N. FORD.

SAMUEL J. SHASTEEN was born June 4, 1835; and died January 9, 1897, aged sixty-one years seven months and five days. He was married December 20, 1853, to Miss Mary Weaver, who survives him. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church in August, 1854. He was licensed to preach at the Quarterly Conference at Marble Plains in August, 1870, with Rev. Sam M. Parks. For fourteen years he exercised the office of a local preacher, all the time improving the gifts God had given him, exerting a wonderful amount of good among his neighbors. In October, 1884, when the Tennessee Conference met in Nashville, he was admitted on trial into the traveling connection, and was ordained a local elder by Bishop H. N. McTyeire. Brother Shasteen traveled the following charges in the Tennessee Conference: In 1884-86 he was appointed to the Lynchburg Circuit; in 1887, to the Salem Circuit; in 1888, to the Hillsboro Circuit; in 1889, to the Manchester Circuit; in 1890, to the Normandy Circuit; in 1891-92, to the Lynchburg Circuit; in 1893-94, to the Salem Circuit; in 1895-96, to the Marble Plains Circuit. When he was sent to this last charge he said he went with fear and trembling to his work on Marble Plains Circuit, where he had lived for so many years; but he entered upon his duties with so much zeal and consecration that his labors were crowned with

glorious success, and nearly one hundred souls were converted to God. When the end of the year came there was almost a universal demand for his return. He was returned at the last Conference, but the Master had given him a higher appointment than Marble Plains Circuit, and he has obeyed the last summons; and it was well with him in the going, his last word being "peace." In forming an estimate of the character and worth of this man of God it becomes necessary to look into his early opportunities. His education was very limited indeed. Many have wondered how he passed his examination and entered into full connection in the Conference. Oral examinations were the rule when he came in, and his native intellect was so keen that he was able to answer nearly as many questions as any member of the class. He possessed an unusual amount of common sense and adaptability, which, coupled with his keen native intellect and fine sense of humor, made him the center of attraction in almost any company. He was a man of power in the pulpit. When he preached repentance sinners trembled, and many repented. He was greatly used of God in bringing old sinners to the Saviour. He was fearless in declaring the whole counsel of God, and insisted always on sound conversion that changed the heart and life of men. His own had been changed, and wonderfully changed, and it was not religion to him unless he saw the evidences of this change. He was a man of strong faith and of continuous prayer. He was a preacher of no mean ability. He grasped the truth of God with a strong conviction, and held it up to the clear view of all who heard. In his appeals to the Church for consecration and purity and in his exhortation to the unconverted I dare say he has not an equal among us since the days of Golman Green and Joe Meyers. Brother Shasteen was not widely known in the Conference, his ministerial life having been spent within the bounds of the Fayetteville District, with the exception of two years he traveled the Manchester and Normandy Circuits; but he always left his footprints, and people loved and honored him wherever he labored. He was not well during the session of Conference, and was granted leave of absence. He came home to die. He longed to get to his work, and could hardly be kept at home when Sunday would come. He said to me when I visited him: "I am so anxious to be at work; but if it's the Lord's plan for me to quit, all right." He made every minute arrangement in regard to his burial. At his request the well-worn Ox-

ford Bible, which had been his daily companion from the time he joined the Conference, was placed on his breast in the coffin, opened at the thirteenth chapter of St. Luke, from which chapter he had taken his last text. He loved his faithful old horse—the itinerant that does not is unworthy the name—and at his suggestion old “Ike,” who had borne him for many years on all his journeys, was led to his coffin, and looked in at his master’s face with a degree of intelligence that astonished those present. We buried him on that beautiful eminence at Marble Plains church where Sam Parks is buried and where these two itinerants were licensed to preach. His classmate in Conference, Rev. John D. Massey, and the writer conducted the funeral service. Fully one thousand of his neighbors and friends gathered to join the last rites over this man of God, to drop a tear, and to recall his virtues.

L. R. AMIS.

GEORGE W. MARTIN was born February 4, 1805; and died February 14, 1897, making his life’s pilgrimage a little more than ninety-two years. We have very few of the facts at hand out of which to prepare a suitable memoir, and the items in our possession have been furnished by Rev. S. D. Ogburn, who was his neighbor and close friend for many years. Brother Martin was converted and united with the Methodist Church when quite young. He was licensed to exhort by Thomas A. Morris, afterward bishop, December 14, 1824, and by the same was licensed to preach September 29, 1827, and received on trial in the Tennessee Conference the same fall. Bishop Roberts ordained him deacon November 23, 1829, and elder November 30, 1831. We have no record at hand of the circuits he traveled, but we know that he spent many years in the active work of an itinerant minister, receiving year by year his appointments from the hands of his brethren, and that he faithfully kept this up till age and the infirmities of life sent him to the retired ranks. Altogether he was a member of the Conference for nearly seventy years. His preaching was plain, but full of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. He impressed all who heard him that he had a message from the Lord, and he delivered it with the seriousness of an ambassador of God. He was well up in Methodist doctrine, law, and usage. To him nothing seemed so near the heart of the gospel as the type of religion for which his Church stands; and this high ideal of Methodism, instead of narrowing, widened his charity to all Christians by its Christ-like catholicity. He loved all who loved our Lord Jesus Christ. Chaste in life and

speech, he was never known to use a by-word. In private life his record was spotless. Honest, just, and upright in his dealings with men, he died owing no man anything. The earliest recollections of his children are the still hours when he took them in his arms and sought the place of prayer. Having dedicated them to God in infancy, he never doubted their salvation, and he lived to see them all humble followers of Jesus. The latter years of his life were passed under a mental cloud, which never lifted till he entered the city. In all these years he seemed to have forgotten everything except the reminiscences of his youth. It was painfully touching to see the light of the present shut out and listen as he lived over again his boyhood days; but he never forgot the hour of prayer, and at the family altar his prayers were intelligent and unctuous. He sleeps in view of the home of his childhood.

J. W. CULLOM.

R. P. RANSOM, a man of mark, has entered “on rest.” His son, Rev. J. J. Ransom, requests a brief memoir at my hands. The writer appreciates the honor done him therein, added to the high privilege afforded him of delivering the funeral discourse at the time of his burial. For want of material, the details of his work as an itinerant preacher must be left for future publication. All that is attempted now is a general estimate of the man and his work. R. P. Ransom was born in 1825; ascended September 12, 1897, “about sunset.” It was the first day of the week. He had preached his last sermon the Sunday previous on “Heavenly Recognition.” The child was an index to the man. One who knew him intimately from childhood said of him: “He had a different disposition from the rest of the children, being very quiet and slow in his action; seemed never to speak without first thinking, and had but little to say as a general thing. Very sturdy in his habits, he was the umpire with all the boys at home, and at school he settled all disputes. Whatever he said stood as law—he was judge and jury.” When he entered school his parents were surprised to find that he could not learn as did the other children. The father, in his disappointment, at length threatened punishment, when the teacher discovered that he could not see the letters placed before him. Glasses remedied the defect, and learning became easy. The glasses were his help and hindrance during life. From early life he thought out his plans in silence, and only announced his purposes when they had been thoroughly formed, and the announcement was in the fewest words, without argument. His conversion took place at Winrow’s

Camp-Ground in the early forties. One present at the time writes: "It was as clear and bright as you ever saw, and I don't suppose he ever had a doubt of its genuineness." Soon afterward he said to his father: "I wish to enter college." All things were made ready, and then the father asked to what college he wanted to go. The answer was: "To Dr. Paine's college." Henceforth the student was a devoted admirer of the man who afterward became Bishop Paine. After his return from college, one day, with equal quietness and decision, he announced a desire to go to Texas. Preparations were at once made, and, well-mounted, he began the journey. The next thing the family heard was that he was preaching in Texas and had joined the Texas Conference. A member of the family writes: "No one knew or thought of his preaching. He had not hinted it to even his mother, whose favorite he was." His health failed in Texas, and he returned to Tennessee, joined the Tennessee Conference, and lived and labored on circuits, stations, and districts until called to his reward. The same self-contained quietness and strength characterized his whole life. As a preacher he never asked nor intimated a desire for place. Once only, perhaps, when it was suggested to him that an appointment might be had which rated better than the one he held, he replied: "I am afraid to attempt work of that kind now." This was late in his ministry. He had filled some of our best stations and districts. When, as years grew, he came to find himself in work of less importance (as men count), he entered upon it with the same earnest purpose that he had given to his largest work. If a thought of murmur came, no soul ever knew it. One of the sublimest utterances of Paul was fulfilled in the life of Richard Ransom: "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound." He was a man of large frame, magnificent brow, and was only hindered from a faultless presence by defective eyesight. Once, when he had preached a great sermon at a Conference-session, as we were leaving the church, an excellent critic said to me: "No man in our Conference equals Dick Ransom in the purity of his English." He spoke with deep earnestness everywhere, whether to crowded houses or a score of hearers. The solemnity and grandeur of his message carried his hearers out of self and surroundings, lifting them up with him into a realization of the Christ whose messenger he was and the augustness of the message he was delivering. With all of the earlier Methodist text-books he was thoroughly familiar; he had mastered them and they had

interpenetrated him. Richard Watson was never more fully infused into another life than into that of Richard Ransom, and he conveyed to his hearers every abstruse thought of Watson's with luminous accuracy—not as a copyist: all had been digested, reformed, and endowed with the fresh life of his own individuality. As teacher, accurate thinker, evangelically earnest dispenser of the fundamental truths of the gospel, we have had in my day no man of nobler cast than was he. He would have been much more widely famous, but his defective eyesight did not allow him to catch inspiration from his audience. Profoundly earnest, always luminous, deeply spiritual, intense in zeal, he lacked only magnetic delivery. His lips were clean, his life on the highest model, his communion with God, and his high spiritual experience uninterrupted. His first wife dying when their three boys were still young, he was for years in tender solicitude both father and mother. One of these years he spent in my home. My mother was yet living; he was her pastor. To use her own expression after one of his sermons: "O how we have been fed to-day!" Of his three boys, one, Rev. J. J. Ransom, is a member of our Conference; the other two entered the medical profession. Dr. R. P. Ransom practises his profession at Williamsport, S. C. Dr. R. B. Ransom, residing in Elm Mott, Tex., in the full tide of successful practise, found a change necessary to recruit his health, and came to the parsonage at Elkmont, Tenn., where his father was living. After some weeks of suffering, he died August 30, leaving a wife and several children. Fatigue from nursing his son and the shock of deep sorrow which came to the father developed a heart trouble, of which his family had no previous intimation. Four days he had been in bed without a word indicating anxiety. He had negatived the proposal to call by telegraph his son, Rev. J. J. Ransom, and attempted to rise from his bed at twilight, Sunday, September 12, when death came without the utterance of word or groan. Watching with him at the bedside of his son was the faithful and helpful companion of his later years. She was in all things a meet companion for a self-denying Methodist itinerant preacher. More could not be said. His was an ideal Christian home-going. The hindrances of age were at the door, the boys were mature, the saint was ready for either life here or in heaven: the door gently pushed back, and his now unlimited vision swept the glories of the higher life. About him are the comrades of other years.

D. C. KELLEY.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

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Call 1. For Widow of John G. Bolton.....	\$306 00
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Call 4. For Widow of Berry S. Haggard.....	287 00
Call 5. For Widow of N. A. Anthony.....	353 75
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Call 7. Paid Family of W. G. Hensley.....	388 00
Call 8. Paid Family of J. J. Comer.....	411 45
Call 9. Paid Family of Rev. William H. Wilkes.....	352 30
Call 10. Paid Family of J. W. Hanner, Sr.....	352 30
Call 11. Paid Family of Rev. D. S. Thompson.....	368 40
Call 12. Paid Mrs. J. M. Wright and family.....	355 00
Call 13. Paid Mrs. J. G. Ray and Family.....	337 05

T. A. KERLEY, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

CIRCULAR OF THE LAY DELEGATES.

ASSESSMENTS THE MINIMUM AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, }
SHELBYVILLE, TENN., October 23, 1897. }

To the Laymen of the Church.

Dear Brethren: Notwithstanding this has been a year of drouths and short crops in many portions of our Connection, we are gratified to report that the Church collections have kept pace with, if not surpassed in percentage, the commercial collections of the country.

Let us continue to strive for the realization of our motto, above expressed. Do not fail to avail of the advantage of early pressing the collections. Every quarter should show its *pro rata* paid in full. Trusting that every member of the Church may feel and manifest an active interest in securing the full amount assessed against his charge, and that our financial report at the next Conference will be the best ever presented, and praying God's blessings upon you, we are fraternally,

J. A. BOSTICK, *Chairman;*
J. W. IRWIN, *Secretary.*

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGE.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Additions on Prof. of Faith.	Adds. by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals: Death, Certificate, etc.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages.	Epworth Leagues.	Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday-Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Total Amount Raised.	American Bible Society.	Paid for Publishing Journal.
McKendree.....	7	758	765	763	12	63	73	7	2	1	1	\$ 75,000	...	...	...	\$1,800 00	2	150	1	40	375	\$ 319 53	\$ 24 74	\$ 33 45	\$ 377 72	\$ 96 00	\$ 8 00
Elm Street.....	4	926	930	1,119	27	49	265	5	10	1	1	18,000	...	...	\$ 2,000 00	327 10	2	103	1	35	476	224 44	28 00	6 77	311 87	5 00	5 00
West End.....	6	660	666	662	30	34	60	4	2	1	1	65,000	...	...	...	1,500 00	...	...	2	45	440	227 51	...	14 43	241 94	...	1 00
West Nashville.....	1	279	280	260	25	41	46	4	8	1	1	8,000	1	\$ 2,500	...	934 00	1	39	1	15	146	104 25	3 30	6 05	113 60	5 00	1 50
Carroll Street.....	2	476	478	438	11	79	50	19	6	1	1	12,000	...	...	2,000 00	225 00	2	182	1	20	427	147 00	12 50	2 50	174 50	2 50	2 50
North High Street.....	1	480	481	424	72	36	51	13	47	1	1	4,000	1	5,000	80 00	187 60	2	46	1	15	186	103 78	...	4 60	108 38	1 60	1 00
Park Avenue.....	4	249	253	256	20	34	57	5	5	1	1	3,500	...	...	150 00	360 75	1	40	1	15	135	51 89	60 00	5 00	168 09	5 75	2 00
South Street.....	1	197	198	176	9	28	15	5	4	1	1	4,500	1	2,000	50 00	99 90	1	108	1	14	123	65 08	...	3 00	80 58	2 65	1 00
McTyeire Memorial.....	1	338	339	480	21	31	193	11	16	2	1	2,500	...	...	150 00	28 00	2	86	2	24	232	68 00	...	2 30	70 30	2 02	1 00
Humphreys Street.....	...	337	337	342	12	1	18	15	4	1	1	1,200	...	...	...	177 00	2	60	1	21	126	65 60	52 00	5 52	141 12	2 51	1 00
Waverly Place.....	1	135	136	106	29	10	9	10	14	1	1	5,176	...	...	4,750 00	425 76	2	45	1	12	69	36 42	...	1 00	37 42	2 00	1 00
Fillmore Street.....	...	127	127	131	...	3	7	8	...	1	1	1,600	...	...	1,000 00	130 98	2	72	1	13	203	54 25	17 25	1 00	155 08	50	1 00
Blakemore.....	1	192	193	198	...	10	15	3	...	1	1	800	...	...	...	4 10	2	51	1	20	120	64 30	...	5 28	83 83	3 10	1 00
Arlington.....	...	132	132	90	2	57	17	...	...	2	2	3,000	1	1,0 0	300 00	68 50	1	30	2	16	111	49 85	8 59	6 96	65 40	8 85	2 00
Nashville City Mission..	9	369	378	352	104	57	135	9	66	7	3	2,300	...	...	200 00	750 00	3	30	6	28	252	38 97	...	5 00	55 97	4 00	1 00
Centenary.....	4	388	392	560	20	5	193	3	18	4	3	4,300	1	800	250 00	3 00	1	30	4	30	173	18 65	...	6 22	31 62	85	1 00
Bellevue.....	2	206	208	234	12	5	43	4	11	3	3	1,500	...	...	30 00	55 29	3	71	4	26	144	19 87	6 00	4 08	29 95	3 47	1 00
Total.....	44	6,249	6,293	6,591	406	543	1,247	125	213	30	24	\$212,376	5	\$11,300	\$10,960 00	\$7,076 98	29	1,143	31	389	3,738	\$1,659 39	\$212 38	\$113 16	\$2,247 37	\$145 80	\$32 00

CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Claim'nts.		Foreign Missions.		Dom. Missions.		Church Ext'n.		Paid for Education.	Exp. Del. Gen'l Conf.	Other Objects.	Total from All Sources.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				
McKendree.....	\$ 800 00	\$ 800 00	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 3,000 00	\$135 00	\$135 00	\$ 500 00	\$284 44	\$1,406 00	\$ 759 24	\$ 715 00	\$ 529 10	\$ 400 00	\$130 00	\$ 75 84	\$42 76	\$ 5,378 46	\$11,244 54
Elm Street.....	306 00	255 00	1,800 00	1,500 00	78 00	78 00	288 00	224 00	808 00	258 00	411 00	340 00	230 00	20 00	40 00	10 00	2,433 98	5,178 98
West End.....	365 00	365 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	58 00	58 00	233 00	233 00	656 00	206 26	330 00	240 00	184 00	36 00	...	...	1,310 12	6,191 32
West Nashville.....	54 00	54 00	900 00	900 00	7 00	10 00	25 00	35 00	70 00	77 34	36 00	40 00	20 00	25 00	12 00	1 15	393 00	2,600 00
Carroll Street.....	76 00	60 00	800 00	625 00	17 00	17 00	62 00	30 00	176 00	110 00	90 00	80 00	50 00	20 00	10 00	7 50	...	1,342 00
North High Street.....	40 00	30 30	800 00	610 70	5 00	5 00	16 00	16 00	44 00	44 00	23 00	23 00	13 00	13 00	8 00	...	488 68	1,244 88
Park Avenue.....	24 00	24 00	600 00	660 17	7 00	7 00	24 00	24 00	66 00	66 00	34 00	34 00	19 00	19 00	216 91	...	1,756 56	3,034 99
South Street.....	20 00	17 10	350 00	300 00	2 00	2 00	8 00	8 25	22 00	22 00	12 00	12 00	7 00	7 00	4 00	...	79 60	715 65
McTyeire Memorial.....	16 00	12 00	500 00	400 00	2 00	2 00	7 00	7 00	18 00	18 00	9 00	9 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	...	21 00	551 32
Humphreys Street.....	16 00	11 80	600 00	430 65	3 00	3 00	11 00	11 00	30 00	30 00	15 00	15 00	9 00	9 00	6 00	...	384 77	914 69
Waverly Place.....	25 00	25 00	500 00	500 00	4 00	4 00	13 00	13 00	36 00	36 00	18 00	18 00	10 00	10 00	7 00	...	463 18	1,542 36
Fillmore Street.....	10 00	5 00	150 00	75 10	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	...	...	382 56
Blakemore.....	20 00	17 20	360 00	308 88	1 00	1 00	4 00	4 00	9 00	9 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	...	132 95	674 96
Arlington.....	64 00	64 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	6 00	6 00	22 00	23 55	62 00	64 50	32 00	32 00	18 00	18 00	11 00	...	322 37	1,552 27
Nashville City Mission..	16 00	16 00	294 71	294 71	4 00	4 00	13 00	13 00	36 00	36 00	18 00	18 00	10 00	10 00	7 00	50	143 55	1,369 78
Centenary.....	24 00	22 55	230 00	217 05	4 00	4 00	13 00	13 00	36 00	36 00	18 00	18 00	10 00	10 00	7 00	2 00	18 00	384 13
Bellevue.....	24 00	22 50	150 00	122 00	4 00	4 00	13 00	13 00	36 00	36 00	18 00	18 00	10 00	10 00	7 00	2 00	...	238 97
Total.....	\$1,900 00	\$1,801 45	\$14,034 71	\$12,944 26	\$338 00	\$341 00	\$1,254 00	\$954 24	\$3,516 00	\$1,813 34	\$1,787 00	\$1,424 10	\$1,000 00	\$357 00	\$418 75	\$65 91	\$13,326 22	\$39,163 40

EAST NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGE.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Add'ts on Prof. of Faith.	Adds. by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals, Death, Certificate, etc.	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized.	Societies.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Personages.	Value of Personages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Personages.	Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday-Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Total Amount Raised.	American Bible Society.	Paid for Publishing Journal.	
Tulip Street.....	5	917	922	960	10	57	105	12	1	1	1	\$ 60,000	...	...	...	\$ 25 63	2	130	1	39	427	\$ 384 15	\$215 16	\$ 10 27	\$ 609 58	\$22 12	\$17 00
McFerrin Memorial.....	4	653	657	667	21	35	66	2	14	1	1	22,000	...	...	...	5 83	1	50	1	32	300	179 22	48 57	25 00	252 79	9 02	1 00
Woodland Street Mission...	2	59	61	...	12	50	1	18	5	1	1	2,400	...	...	\$ 100	199 90	1	25	20	150	23 75	14 16	5 00	75 79	2 25	1 12	
East End.....	2	191	193	195	1	29	32	3	2	1	1	4,000	...	...	400	...	1	38	15	160	76 19	20 46	3 09	121 74	4 00	1 02	
Hobson Chapel.....	...	165	165	134	18	29	16	2	6	1	1	8,000	1	\$ 1,000	...	161 50	...	1	11	76	66 88	...	5 24	72 12	...	2 04	
Trinity.....	...	136	136	122	9	12	7	6	6	2	2	5,000	...	...	...	1,023 26	...	2	21	175	140 94	...	6 67	164 61	2 00	1 02	
Greenland.....	...	303	303	261	44	22	24	9	24	4	4	5,500	1	1,500	...	95 00	2	75	4	34	248	70 68	...	12 73	83 41	...	1 92
Cumberland.....	...	202	202	242	7	8	55	7	3	4	2 1/2	4,200	1	1,000	150	412 45	...	4	34	218	15 50	...	5 00	43 66	...	1 00	
Goodlettsville.....	...	365	365	337	28	9	9	1	14	2	2	5,000	1	1,200	...	30 00	1	45	26	260	135 82	8 81	16 53	161 16	14 75	2 30	
Green Brier.....	3	265	268	231	29	15	7	3	18	4	3	3,300	1	800	...	64 00	1	36	4	34	217	54 00	...	2 51	56 51	1 10	61
Bakers Station.....	3	534	537	508	13	23	7	9	10	4	4	3,050	...	...	250	293 25	1	19	4	31	291	62 33	2 00	16 25	80 58	...	1 25
Fountain Head.....	...	288	288	263	15	25	15	3	15	7	7	4,500	1	1,200	...	125 00	...	7	35	220	20 00	5 00	...	35 00	25	1 02	
Gallatin.....	...	429	429	416	10	34	31	2	13	1	1	15,00	1	4,000	600	649 88	1	43	1	21	200	107 44	50 36	15 34	173 14	7 00	4 85
Sumner.....	1	331	332	309	41	1	19	4	26	5	4	2,600	1	800	...	20 00	2	47	5	27	283	30 62	...	22 00	54 12	2 50	1 79
Saundersville.....	...	357	357	339	28	...	10	1	16	3	3	4,000	...	...	...	...	1	65	1	22	205	17 41	12 00	6 00	35 41	...	2 21
Bethpage.....	...	186	186	193	1	4	12	...	1	1	1	1,200	1	1,000	...	98 00	1	35	1	12	98	11 50	17 70	3 25	53 70	3 00	1 45
Westmoreland.....	2	490	492	428	55	19	10	15	55	5	5	2,350	1	300	...	175 00	...	2	8	35	12 00	...	12 00	24 00	...	64	
Castalian Springs.....	1	196	197	192	11	17	23	1	8	3	3	1,800	1	850	...	36 79	...	3	18	100	15 85	16 00	...	31 85	...	1 27	
Hermitage.....	1	477	478	581	21	7	131	1	18	4	4	3,600	1	1,250	350	129 26	2	67	4	35	314	60 07	12 00	8 25	85 57	...	2 21
Trammel.....	...	298	298	285	2	17	6	4	17	4	4	2,000	1	300	50	40 00	...	3	9	95	2 00	...	2 61	4 61	...	10	
Total	24	6,842	6,866	6,661	376	413	586	103	272	58	54 1/2	\$159,500	13	\$15,200	\$1,900	\$3,634 75	17	675	53	484	4,072	\$1,486 35	\$422 22	\$177 74	\$2,219 35	\$67 99	\$44 85

CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Cl'm'ts.		Foreign Missions		Dom. Missions.		Chu'ch Ext'n.		Paid for Edu- ca- tion.	Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.	Other Objects.	Total from All Sources.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Assess'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd.	Paid.				
Tulip Street	\$ 583 34	\$ 583 34	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 78 80	\$ 78 83	\$280 50	\$280 50	\$883 35	\$ 883 35	\$ 408 49	\$409 49	\$225 00	\$225 00	\$105 83	.....	\$4,636 47	\$10,241 89
McFerrin Memorial	218 78	181 31	1,200 00	994 53	29 57	29 50	105 18	80 00	331 25	171 00	153 18	69 00	84 37	35 00	14 00	.....	1,460 60	3,045 03
Woodland Street Mission..	4 37	4 40	100 00	105 38	50	54	2 10	2 10	6 63	13 52	3 06	9 72	1 68	1 68	80	.....	.....	410 02
East End.....	35 00	35 00	500 00	500 00	4 73	4 73	16 83	16 83	53 00	55 00	24 51	24 51	13 50	13 50	6 35	.....	263 75	1,047 13
Hobson Chapel	70 00	70 00	500 00	500 00	9 46	9 46	33 66	20 01	106 00	54 55	49 02	35 01	27 00	10 00	7 00	\$ 2 95	245 65	960 15
Trinity	35 00	35 00	500 00	500 00	4 73	4 73	16 83	16 83	53 00	53 00	24 51	24 51	13 50	13 50	6 35	1 07	.....	1,846 18
Greenland	65 62	59 75	600 00	546 38	8 77	8 77	31 55	29 75	99 38	30 00	45 98	26 01	25 31	10 00	5 00	4 08	242 80	1,051 47
Cumberland	43 75	25 50	500 00	361 91	5 90	5 70	21 04	2 05	66 25	20 00	30 63	22 94	16 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	895 41
Goodlettsville	78 75	78 75	600 00	600 00	11 14	11 14	37 87	37 87	119 25	119 25	55 15	55 15	30 30	30 30	14 70	.....	165 51	1,129 72
Green Brier	21 87	18 50	300 00	251 50	2 96	4 08	10 52	8 00	33 13	20 00	15 32	15 32	8 44	5 00	2 00	73	.....	447 32
Bakers Station.....	43 75	43 75	410 00	410 00	5 91	.....	21 04	17 42	66 25	39 00	30 63	30 63	16 87	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	997 98
Fountain Head.....	35 00	35 00	315 00	315 00	4 70	4 70	16 83	16 83	53 00	20 00	24 51	24 51	13 50	13 50	6 35	1 58	.....	598 74
Gallatin.....	166 25	139 10	1,100 00	922 12	22 47	22 47	79 94	79 94	251 76	226 81	116 42	81 95	64 13	45 55	21 50	7 09	564 11	2,815 53
Sumner	61 25	52 91	500 00	421 21	8 25	8 25	29 45	20 00	92 75	40 00	42 89	30 00	23 65	5 00	2 00	2 99	32 20	615 35
Saundersville.....	75 83	52 52	700 00	482 80	10 25	10 25	36 47	30 00	114 84	56 50	53 10	41 00	29 45	11 00	5 00	.....	30 00	756 69
Bethpage	48 12	43 85	450 00	410 15	6 40	6 45	23 14	14 30	72 86	30 70	33 70	25 00	18 56	8 70	5 00	4 15	23 05	576 20
Westmoreland	21 87	21 87	244 00	251 00	2 91	3 00	10 52	10 52	33 13	33 13	15 32	15 32	8 44	8 44	3 97	1 74	.....	531 33
Castalian Springs.....	43 75	31 25	400 00	278 55	5 91	5 91	21 04	10 00	66 25	24 00	30 63	12 00	16 87	10 50	7 94	1 45	90 57	526 08
Hermitage.....	75 83	76 13	500 00	502 00	10 20	10 20	36 47	36 47	114 84	70 83	53 10	43 10	29 45	10 00	9 00	4 99	175 26	1,164 92
Trammel	21 87	1 50	300 00	157 05	2 90	2 90	10 52	1 85	33 13	5 85	15 32	2 50	8 44	1 50	70	3 45	.....	214 05
Total	\$1,750 00	\$1,589 43	\$12,719 00	\$11,509 58	\$236 46	\$231 61	\$841 50	\$731 27	\$2,650 05	\$1,966 49	\$1,225 47	\$1,007 67	\$675 73	\$463 17	\$225 79	\$36 27	\$7,929 97	\$29,871 19

LEBANON DISTRICT.*

CHARGE.	Local Preachers	Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Add'tns on Prof. of Faith.	Adds by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals; Death, Certificate, etc.	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized.	Societies.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages.	Epworth Leagues.	Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday-Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Total Amount Raised.	American Bible Society.	Paid for Publishing Journal.
Lebanon.....	1	298	299	264	4	41	10	4	2	2	2	\$ 6,500	1	\$ 600	\$ 690	\$ 614 44	1	23	2	23	195	\$ 82 04	\$ 8 90	\$10 00	\$ 92 04	\$ 2 63	\$ 4 20
Carthage and Alexandria....	1	235	236	257	4	5	30	2	4	2	2	7,000	1			59 80		2	24	183	69 50		10 50	94 90		2 35	
Smithville.....	1	495	496	661	21	4	190		17	7	7	4,000						3	18	100	18 00		3 40	21 40	1 00	1 80	
Cookeville and Mission.....	1	186	187	171	10	7	1	6	10	3	2	5,000	1	500			1	30	3	24	250	20 00		45 00		1 20	
Pleasant Grove and Mission	5	465	470	467	7	7	11	14	23	5	3	2,000						5	22	266	23 06		4 60	42 66		1 20	
Gainesboro Mission.....	3	381	384	361	24	1	2		8	4		1,800			20	15 00		2	12	185	7 00			7 00			
Liberty.....	1	348	349	437	11	6	105		11	4	4	3,000	1	800	21 00	20 00		5	31	240	43 25		2 05	45 30	1 55		
Livingston.....	1	567	568	531	32	7	5		30	6	5 1/2	3,000	1	300	50	20 00	1	18	3	15	150	15 00		15 00			
Overton.....	2	291	293	293	11	5	16	5	9	7	5 3/4	1,220									25			25		50	
Obed River.....	1	296	296	431	11	1	147		4	7	2 1/4	1,000						2	11	93							
Cokesbury.....	1	550	551	518	4	3	15	3	45	7	5 1/3	4,300	1	400	135 00	2	60	5	38	373	68 00		15 00	105 10	7 80	1 80	
Mt. Olivet.....	2	360	362	354	12	18	22	9	6	6	6	2,500	1	300	25 00			4	15	100	25 00		5 40	30 40		1 50	
Wartrace.....	5	585	590	579	33	2	24	16	28	7	4	3,000	1	450	40	30 00	1	6	42	293	19 15		5 00	24 15	1 00	50	
Goose Creek.....	1	521	521	512	31	9	31	1	34	5	5	6,500	1	800	50 00			6	35	205	17 65		2 21	19 86		1 00	
Lebanon Circuit.....	1	377	378	347	16	23	8	2	11	4	4	3,000	1	1,500	200	45 00	1	42	4	32	233	48 09		12 76	60 85		1 80
New Middleton.....	1	364	364	364						4	3 1/4	2,500	1	700	50			3	20	125	20 00			20 0			
Jacob's Hill.....	1	274	275	265	10	10	10	2	12	4	4	3,000	1	600	200	57 00		5	27	250	23 50		10 00	33 50		1 30	
Cainsville Mission.....	2	169	171	168	5	2	4	7	4	4	4	1,000	1	325	325 00			3	14	100	8 0		1 30	9 30		70	
Total.....	28	6,762	6,790	6,983	287	151	631	71	250	92	73	\$60,320	12	\$7,275	\$1,250	\$1,397 24	7	173	63	403	3,341	\$507 49	\$8 90	\$82 22	\$666 71	\$13 98	\$19 85

CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Cl'm'ts.		Foreign Mis'ns.		Domestic Mis'ns.		Ch'ch Ext'ns.		Paid for Edu- ca- tion.	Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.	Other Objects.	Total from All Sources.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.				
Lebanon.....	\$ 163 00	\$163 00	\$ 900 00	\$ 900 00	\$ 19 25	\$18 00	\$ 68 80	\$ 68 80	\$ 198 86	\$108 70	\$ 87 80	\$ 87 80	\$ 70 40	\$ 40 00	\$15 00	\$11 00	\$192 04	\$ 2,317 65
Carthage and Alexandria....	91 00	91 00	500 00	500 00	10 75	10 75	38 30	10 00	111 02	47 75	49 20	37 25	39 30	5 0			281 24	985 34
Smithville.....	51 00	31 35	360 00	288 20	6 05	4 15	21 30	5 05	62 22	23 50	27 35	18 75	22 15	1 50	1 85		36 00	434 65
Cookeville and Mission	47 00	30 00	400 00	325 00	5 55	5 55	19 60	3 4	57 34	5 00	25 30	10 00	20 30				424 00	
Pleasant Grove and Mission.	47 00	29 17	315 00	195 64	5 55	5 55	19 60	10 00	57 34	25 00	25 30	20 00	20 30	5 00		2 00	6 00	332 22
Gainesboro Mission.....	27 00	15 50	165 00	90 65	3 20		11 30	4 00	32 94		14 55	6 00	11 70	8 00			114 15	
Liberty.....	70 00	46 05	500 00	328 70	8 25	8 25	29 40	20 40	85 40	10 00	37 70	10 00	30 20	5 00			25 35	523 65
Livingston.....	42 00	22 95	200 00	170 00	4 95	4 95	17 80		51 24		22 60	22 60	18 20				20 00	255 50
Overton.....	20 00	7 45	70 00	26 10	2 35	2 35	8 40		24 40		10 75	7 15	8 70			1 00	4 00	47 10
Obed River.....	40 00	23 15	235 00	98 98	4 70	1 00	16 80		48 80		21 55	9 00	17 25	1 00		1 00		134 13
Cokesbury.....	67 00	50 40	458 00	364 50	7 90	8 00	28 20	30 00	81 74	82 00	36 10	50 00	28 50	30 00	14 00	1 00	270 60	910 10
Mt. Olivet.....	75 00	50 00	525 00	400 00	8 85	5 06	31 50	20 00	91 50	33 00	40 40	15 00	32 40		1 50		74 00	598 50
Wartrace.....	47 00	44 15	400 00	376 35	5 55	3 00	19 60	0 00	57 34	7 50	25 30	25 00	20 30	2 50	2 00			467 00
Goose Creek.....	95 00	84 20	485 00	427 40	11 20	10 00	39 60	20 00	115 90	25 00	51 15	25 00	41 10	5 00		2 00	6 00	675 40
Lebanon Circuit.....	77 00	64 50	500 00	415 55	9 10	9 10	32 60	32 60	93 94	75 00	41 50	41 50	33 30	10 00	2 00	5 70	20 70	784 25
New Middleton.....	64 00	24 85	300 00	115 25	7 55	3 00	26 90	10 00	78 08	20 00	34 45	14 45	27 60					207 55
Jacob's Hill.....	50 00	35 05	450 00	355 20	5 90	5 90	21 00		61 00	20 00	26 90	26 90	21 60			3 70	27 00	473 55
Cainsville Mission.....	27 00	15 41	200 00	119 75	3 20	75	11 30	2 50	32 94	8 00	14 55	8 80	11 70		1 00	25		492 21
Total.....	\$1,100 00	\$828 18	\$6,963 00	\$5,497 27	\$129 85	\$105 30	\$462 00	\$241 80	\$1,342 00	\$490 45	\$592 45	\$435 20	\$475 00	\$113 00	\$37 35	\$27 65	\$962 93	\$10,176 95

* District parsonage at Lebanon, \$3,000.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

CHARGE.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Additions on Prof. of Faith.	Adds. by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals-Death, Certificate, etc.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages.	Epworth Leagues.	Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday-Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Total Amount Raised.	American Bible Society.	Paid for Publishing Journal.
Murfreesboro.....	1	572	572	569	8	26	31	3	7	1	1	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 5,000	\$5,000	\$ 661 62	1	59	1	26	297	\$150 00	\$25 00	.....	\$175 00	\$ 9 00	\$ 5 98
Stone's River	1	404	405	436	14	8	53	2	11	4	5	6,800	1	1,000	240	.....	3	80	4	24	175	15 00	.....	\$ 4 42	19 42	2 00	1 00
Rockvale.....	1	379	380	388	9	2	19	3	3	5	4	1,000	1	300	.....	120 00	1	45	3	20	150	22 00	.....	9 00	31 00	1 00	50
Smyrna and Walnut Grove.....	1	301	302	252	38	18	6	1	32	2	2	3,500	1	650	.....	35 00	3	80	2	15	124	25 40	14 44	5 00	44 84	3 30	2 60
LaVergne.....	1	173	173	159	14	2	2	.....	9	3	3	3,900	.....	.....	225	88 00	.....	3	20	140	17 00	.....	8 30	31 30	1 50	50	
Woodbury.....	1	316	317	321	3	4	11	2	2	7	7	3,450	.....	.....	125	2 00	.....	2	9	45	9 22	.....	.....	9 22	2 76	99	
Beech Grove.....	5	390	395	371	17	9	2	7	14	4	4	4,048	1	425	60	73 50	.....	4	18	148	14 50	.....	2 49	16 99	1 06	.....
Wartrace.....	1	428	429	398	10	27	6	1	6	4	4	6,000	1	1,400	.....	80 35	1	10	3	18	194	34 60	5 00	5 50	61 10	2 50	3 38
Manchester and Summitville.....	1	357	357	348	9	4	4	13	6	3	3	2,850	1	1,000	.....	241 00	1	25	1	8	126	23 85	.....	25 00	7 00	1 39	
Shelbyville.....	1	272	272	244	1	40	13	1	1	1	1	15,000	.....	.....	.....	110 00	1	27	1	22	132	47 44	23 45	7 18	87 52	.....	1 50
Shelbyville Circuit.....	1	336	336	350	2	15	31	.....	2	4	4	3,200	.....	.....	150	35 00	4	40	3	18	145	17 25	.....	2 45	19 70	5 00	1 02
Tullahoma.....	1	210	211	200	1	18	8	10	1	1	1	750	.....	.....	.....	359 00	.....	1	13	131	33 90	.....	1 79	37 48	2 15	1 69	
Normandy.....	1	465	465	454	25	.....	14	2	15	7	7	5,500	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	5	20	213	10 00	.....	.....	11 97	.....	83	
Hickory Creek.....	2	750	752	832	10	10	100	7	2	10	9	6,700	1	525	50	2,265 59	1	48	8	48	458	32 48	.....	9 92	42 40	.....	2 50
McMinnville.....	1	221	222	212	3	17	1	.....	2	1	1	18,000	1	2,500	.....	119 52	1	40	1	12	125	67 00	10 00	5 00	132 00	15 00	.....
McMinnville Circuit.....	3	478	481	425	43	23	10	12	32	9	8	2,500	.....	.....	112	5 00	2	30	9	80	425	23 00	2 80	4 50	30 60	60	.....
Quebeck.....	1	156	157	156	4	2	5	4	2	5	4	1,200	.....	.....	.....	455 60	.....	.....	1	8	60	4 00	.....	1 23	5 23	50	20
Spencer.....	1	250	251	240	17	5	16	6	9	6	2	1,475	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	21	210	2 50	.....	65	3 15	1 00	.....
Sparta.....	1	234	234	222	11	17	21	2	10	1	1	5,000	1	650	.....	22 26	1	48	2	13	107	21 07	5 00	4 15	30 22	2 50	2 38
Sparta Circuit.....	1	693	693	681	10	1	2	5	10	8	5	4,700	1	500	100	23 00	.....	.....	5	23	350	19 00	.....	1 62	24 62	35	1 00
Beersheba *.....	2	135	137	86	16	47	12	10	7	4	2	1,000	.....	.....	25	100 00	.....	3	15	110	1 50	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	21	7,520	7,541	7,347	270	295	371	91	183	90	78	\$126,573	11	\$13,950	\$6,137	\$4,796 44	20	532	67	451	3,895	\$590 71	\$85 69	\$73 50	\$840 26	\$57 21	\$27 46

CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Claim'ts.		Foreign Mis'ns.		Dom. Mis'ns.		Ch. Exten.		Paid for Education.	Exp. Del. Gen'l Conf.	Other Objects.	Total from All Sources.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.				
Murfreesboro.....	\$ 223 88	\$ 223 88	\$1,200 00	\$1,200 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00	\$104 60	\$104 60	\$ 313 43	\$303 43	\$156 72	\$156 72	\$ 94 77	\$ 94 77	\$ 43 73	.....	\$1,554 36	\$ 3,730 49
Stone's River.....	104 44	69 68	600 00	409 02	14 00	14 00	49 03	20 00	146 27	45 00	73 14	20 00	44 23	8 00	8 00	.....	588 70	.....
Rockvale.....	44 78	26 00	315 00	200 00	6 00	6 00	21 00	5 00	62 69	20 00	26 12	10 00	18 96	5 00	2 50	\$ 50	22 00	449 50
Smyrna and Walnut Grove.....	97 02	81 60	600 00	554 24	13 00	13 00	45 50	30 00	135 82	35 00	67 91	30 00	41 07	10 00	10 00	6 00	90 00	943 58
LaVergne.....	37 31	33 45	300 00	291 55	5 00	5 00	17 50	5 00	52 24	20 00	26 12	26 12	15 80	5 00	.....	2 00	14 55	524 97
Woodbury.....	37 31	28 70	200 00	171 75	5 00	5 00	17 50	3 51	52 24	24 50	26 12	8 00	15 80	6 00	7 29	80	37 00	307 51
Beech Grove.....	74 65	67 37	320 00	289 13	10 00	10 00	35 00	5 00	104 45	16 00	52 24	15 00	31 59	6 00	.....	.....	47 80	549 85
Wartrace.....	126 86	109 08	600 00	500 00	17 00	17 00	59 40	15 00	177 61	50 00	88 80	25 00	53 70	5 00	25 00	10 00	147 20	1,950 61
Manchester and Summitville.....	52 24	52 24	400 00	400 00	7 00	7 00	25 00	21 10	73 13	20 00	36 57	11 45	22 11	4 80	1 00	3 25	46 00	846 00
Shelbyville.....	126 86	86 72	600 00	600 00	17 00	17 00	59 40	5 00	177 61	15 00	88 80	15 00	53 70	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	968 24
Shelbyville Circuit.....	67 17	47 65	470 00	332 65	9 00	9 00	31 40	28 19	94 03	51 13	47 01	28 43	12 20	1 60	1 60	1 39	85 55	678 84
Tullahoma.....	59 70	32 20	450 00	276 06	8 00	8 00	28 00	5 69	83 58	15 85	41 79	11 61	25 27	25 27	56	3 00	503 55	888 11
Normandy.....	37 31	18 00	262 80	126 00	5 00	5 00	17 50	15 00	52 24	12 00	26 12	14 00	15 80	.....	.....	.....	12 00	197 85
Hickory Creek.....	74 65	57 50	600 00	463 17	10 00	10 00	35 00	35 00	104 45	63 91	52 24	52 24	31 59	31 59	14 48	.....	186 25	3,229 77
McMinnville.....	126 86	100 50	800 00	644 05	17 00	17 00	59 40	59 40	177 61	75 00	88 80	88 80	53 70	7 50	7 50	5 00	135 00	1,396 27
McMinnville Circuit.....	44 78	31 50	400 00	301 90	6 00	6 00	21 00	10 00	62 69	23 45	31 35	15 00	18 96	10 00	.....	.....	103 75	502 21
Quebeck.....	7 46	2 00	100 00	30 00	1 00	1 00	3 50	50	10 45	50	5 22	1 50	3 16	1 50	.....	.....	4 00	503 83
Spencer.....	22 38	2 50	235 00	32 00	3 00	3 00	10 50	4 00	31 35	5 00	15 68	10 00	9 48	3 00	1 00	1 00	.....	62 50
Sparta.....	89 56	67 51	600 00	491 76	12 00	12 00	42 00	11 00	125 36	25 00	62 68	25 00	37 92	10 00	10 00	.....	94 38	799 91
Sparta Circuit.....	44 78	23 75	350 00	190 50	6 00	6 00	21 00	3 00	62 69	4 00	31 35	5 00	18 96	1 65	1 00	1 00	63 00	289 75
Beersheba *.....	.....	.....	.....	16 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	118 30
Total.....	\$1,500 00	\$1161 83	\$9,402 80	\$7,519 89	\$201 00	\$201 00	\$703 20	\$385 99	\$2,099 94	\$824 77	\$1,044 78	\$587 45	\$635 00	\$257 28	\$138 66	\$33 94	\$3,147 39	\$18,626 69

* Organized in August, 1897.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGE.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Add'ns on Prof of Faith.	Adds. by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals, Death, Certificate, etc.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parson-ages.	Value of Other Church Prop-erty.	Money Expended for Churches and Parson-ages.	Epworth Leagues.	Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collect-ed for Sunday-Schools.	Amount Collect-ed for Missions.	Amount Collect-ed on Chil-dren's Day.	Total Amount Raised.	American Bible Society.	Paid for Publish-ing Journal.
Fayetteville	1	214	215	204	4	14	7	3	2	1	1	\$ 8,000	1	\$ 1,200	\$ 50 00	\$ 574 50	1	25	1	8	85	\$ 34 90	\$ 1 10	\$ 36 00	\$ 2 00
Fayetteville Circuit	2	432	434	461	21	7	55	7	11	4	4	2,800	1	650	75 00	125 00	1	23	2	10	100	11 00	4 50	15 50	\$3 50	3 90
Macedonia.....	2	289	291	334	17	2	62	5	4	6	6	2,625	1	150	.....	125 00	.....	2 1/2	10	55	7 35	.....	35	7 70	.....	.....
Blanche.....	1	517	517	496	35	6	20	2	26	4	3 1/2	2,600	1	650	.....	301 40	.....	4	24	240	17 40	.....	.....	17 40	.....	1 00
Lynchburg and Mulberry	1	227	228	231	.....	6	9	.....	3	2	.....	3,200	.....	.....	300 00	100 00	.....	2	15	120	23 80	.....	6 44	30 24	3 00	1 25
Lynchburg Circuit.....	4	591	595	605	6	7	23	.....	6	6	6	4,200	1	500	.....	111 50	.....	4	20	175	5 15	.....	5 15	10 30	2 00	.....
Medium.....	3	450	453	480	14	7	48	.....	14	3	3	3,000	1	800	175 00	250 00	2	65	5	28	272	22 00	.....	28 00	.....	.....
Petersburg & Moore's Chapel.	1	130	131	118	8	5	.....	8	1	2	2	3,500	.....	.....	.....	40 00	2	65	2	9	60	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	1 00
Cornersville	2	451	453	472	2	21	42	2	5	4	4	7,000	1	1,200	.....	.....	1	40	4	26	186	28 56	2 00	86 96	1 60	2 34
Lewisburg.....	2	232	232	192	41	16	17	37	1	1	2,500	2	57	1	10	124	31 92	\$35 00	1 86	75 53	2 90	1 70
Salem.....	1	439	440	455	2	12	29	1	1	7	5 1/2	3,250	1	500	.....	129 00	.....	4	18	231	7 20	.....	92	8 12	.....	1 00
Winchester.....	1	149	149	260	20	131	1	1	1	10,000	1	500	2,200 00	2	60	1	10	129	61 68	2 50	64 18	1 50	70
Marble Plains	1	473	474	510	13	.....	49	4	8	6	6	3,700	1	400	.....	34 00	.....	5	20	200	13 55	.....	5 65	19 20	.....	90
Decherd and Mission.....	284	284	260	15	16	7	6	6	4	4	4,232	145 00	1	25	3	16	135	40 00	3 00	43 00	50
Hillsboro	6	897	903	835	78	19	29	5	54	10	8	4,400	1	600	.....	650 00	.....	10	61	422	45 00	.....	7 00	52 00	.....	2 00
Mont Eagle.....	3	286	289	272	16	10	9	6	16	2	2	1,050	.....	.....	797 00	387 00	.....	4	31	312	111 15	.....	3 90	115 05	2 45	.....
Tracy City.....	1	271	272	306	7	5	46	4	5	1	1	1,250	1	800	200 00	181 17	2	135	1	21	226	110 89	8 92	119 81
Rich Valley.....	3	319	322	316	2	6	2	5	4	4	4	5,500	1	2,100	.....	21 00	.....	3	13	80	16 90	.....	3 70	20 60	2 00	2 50
Unionville.....	1	677	678	687	15	10	34	5	10	8	8	5,000	1	400	15 00	1	31	6	34	387	28 90	11 69	40 59	1 88	2 23
Bellbuckle.....	1	351	352	340	1	23	12	2	1	1	1	6,000	1	1,500	1	48	3	17	203	45 93	15 18	7 23	68 34	8 50	1 00
Total.....	33	7,679	7,712	7,834	297	212	631	66	211	78	73	\$83,807	15	\$11,950	\$1,597 00	\$5,389 57	16	574	67 1/2	401	3,744	\$683 28	\$52 68	\$73 41	\$878 52	\$29 33	\$24 02

CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Claim'ts.		Foreign Miss'ns.		Dom. Missions.		Ch. Extens'n.		Paid for Education.	Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.	Other Objects.	Total from All Sources.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.				
Fayetteville.....	\$ 101 25	\$ 71 42	\$ 700 00	\$ 500 00	\$ 13 40	\$ 14 55	\$ 48 05	\$ 20 00	\$ 139 54	\$ 60 00	\$ 61 46	\$ 30 06	\$ 44 67	\$ 20 00	\$ 5 50	\$ 1 45	\$ 838 28	\$ 1,563 20
Fayetteville Circuit.....	60 75	60 75	375 00	375 00	8 04	8 05	28 81	16 00	83 72	33 00	36 87	16 76	26 81	.....	4 06	1 00	30 00	680 46
Macedonia.....	40 50	13 45	250 00	80 80	5 35	50	19 20	3 00	55 81	5 00	24 57	3 00	17 87	2 00	.....	.....	107 75	107 75
Blanche.....	70 88	60 60	500 00	425 70	9 37	9 37	33 62	20 75	97 67	27 00	43 02	20 00	31 28	10 00	.....	.....	1,006 16	1,006 16
Lynchburg and Mulberry.....	74 25	43 60	450 00	303 75	9 81	9 81	35 20	15 00	102 33	51 00	45 06	25 00	32 76	5 00	2 00	2 00	89 00	644 16
Lynchburg Circuit.....	57 38	48 15	345 00	289 45	7 59	7 60	27 21	8 00	79 07	20 00	34 82	15 00	25 32	8 00	.....	.....	519 60	519 60
Medium.....	67 50	45 80	472 50	320 68	8 93	6 00	32 01	12 00	93 01	35 00	40 97	20 00	29 77	6 00	2 00	.....	70 20	802 68
Petersburg & Moore's Chapel..	47 25	47 25	325 00	325 00	6 25	6 25	22 41	7 00	65 11	8 00	28 68	20 00	20 84	4 00	2 00	88	481 28	481 28
Cornersville.....	74 25	63 33	525 75	448 04	9 81	9 81	35 20	25 03	102 33	25 00	45 06	20 00	32 76	5 00	2 00	2 32	86 96	691 40
Lewisburg.....	54 00	54 00	450 00	450 00	7 15	5 00	25 61	18 00	74 42	46 62	32 78	32 78	23 82	12 00	5 00	1 90	629 90	629 90
Salem.....	57 38	39 15	400 00	273 85	7 59	7 25	27 21	10 00	79 07	15 00	34 82	13 00	25 32	10 00	2 00	2 00	521 35	521 35
Winchester.....	81 00	81 00	600 00	600 00	10 72	10 72	38 42	25 28	111 63	20 00	49 16	20 00	35 74	35 80	.....	.....	102 50	3,200 58
Marble Plains.....	57 38	32 45	300 00	199 13	7 59	6 11	27 21	8 96	79 07	38 80	34 82	13 42	25 32	6 00	4 00	1 00	339 92	339 92
Decherd and Mission.....	40 50	24 15	365 00	237 00	5 35	5 35	19 20	5 00	55 81	13 00	24 57	12 00	17 87	2 50	1 00	.....	55 00	525 50
Hillsboro.....	64 12	41 65	450 00	237 43	8 49	8 50	30 41	15 20	88 57	30 00	38 92	12 00	28 30	10 00	5 00	1 72	50 75	455 70
Mont Eagle.....	30 38	18 18	150 00	91 06	4 02	2 00	14 41	8 00	41 86	15 00	18 49	8 00	13 40	2 00	.....	.....	32 50	681 24
Tracy City.....	104 60	104 60	800 00	800 00	13 85	15 00	49 63	25 00	144 17	29 00	63 50	25 00	46 16	10 00	10 00	3 00	170 00	1,496 34
Rich Valley.....	81 00	71 45	500 00	480 00	10 72	10 70	38 42	26 00	111 63	40 00	49 16	25 50	35 74	10 00	7 00	2 50	75 50	750 15
Unionville.....	70 88	58 95	520 38	334 00	9 37	10 22	33 62	25 00	97 67	26 00	43 02	5 00	31 28	22 00	1 00	5 94	118 40	489 77
Bellbuckle.....	114 75	114 75	1,000 00	1,000 00	15 20	15 20	54 45	54 45	158 13	158 13	69 65	69 65	50 63	40 63	23 34	.....	118 40	1,604 05
Total.....	\$1,350 00	\$1,094 68	\$9,478 63	\$7,770 89	\$178 60	\$167 69	\$640 30	\$347 67	\$1,860 42	\$695 55	\$819 40	\$406 11	\$595 66	\$220 93	\$75 84	\$25 71	\$1,940 43	\$17,191 19

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

CHARGE.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Add'tns on Prof. of Faith.	Adds. by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals: Death, Certificate, etc.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages.	Epworth Leagues.	Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday-Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Total Amount Raised.	American Bible Society.	Paid for Publishing Journal.
Columbia.....	2	506	508	435	54	61	42	15	39	1	1	\$16,000	1	\$3,000	.....	\$ 160 95	2	120	1	28	271	\$165 70	\$ 60 00	\$ 8 65	\$234 35	\$ 95 00	\$ 6 50
South Columbia.....	.....	236	236	199	27	18	8	7	9	1	1	1,500	1	1,050	.....	156 60	1	61	1	12	103	50 71	.....	3 59	54 30	.....	1 67
Mt. Pleasant.....	5	286	291	252	13	38	12	2	10	1	1	7,000	1	1,250	\$ 300 00	275 00	2	108	1	14	150	38 59	7 86	.....	99 80	.....	3 50
Culleoka and Hurricane.....	1	191	192	191	4	14	17	2	4	2	2	3,500	1	800	.....	1,086 50	1	28	2	17	165	20 00	3 56	2 53	26 09	.....	2 25
Bigbyville.....	.....	423	423	386	37	7	7	1	29	4	4	7,300	1	1,000	100 00	100 00	.....	4	23	150	15 25	6 00	2 10	23 35	1 00	1 50	
Hebron.....	1	284	285	278	9	19	21	2	1	4	3	2,250	.....	.....	.....	159 50	1	25	4	23	172	12 50	30 00	1 44	52 94	.....	1 00
Mooreville.....	.....	234	234	232	1	4	3	.....	.....	4	4	4,036	1	623	184 00	346 00	.....	4	16	120	12 61	.....	2 20	14 81	.....	1 70	
Olivet and Lynnville.....	1	339	340	330	13	25	28	7	4	2	2	5,000	1	2,045	.....	107 60	2	52	2	16	152	25 20	2 00	8 10	42 30	2 00	2 75
Pleasant Valley and Salem	.....	231	231	221	9	6	5	.....	5	2	2	2,700	.....	.....	150 00	.....	2	70	2	14	80	10 77	.....	3 90	14 67	.....	2 00
Pulaski.....	.....	589	589	532	43	50	36	6	15	1	1	15,500	*2	4,000	8 0 00	3,100 00	1	24	1	21	258	96 10	.....	11 10	107 20	10 00	6 75
Trinity.....	1	475	476	467	15	2	8	1	14	4	3 1/4	2,100	.....	.....	.....	35 73	1	44	4	24	136	21 50	.....	6 61	28 11	1 00	1 50
Fall River.....	1	387	388	383	5	9	9	5	5	5	3	1,700	1	425	.....	67 70	.....	1	3	40	4 50	.....	.....	8 60	80	.....	.....
Prospect.....	2	551	553	607	13	18	85	15	13	4	4	2,500	1	800	150 00	42 50	2	40	4	30	266	28 00	.....	10 68	38 68	2 00	2 75
Richland.....	1	258	259	256	7	5	9	.....	4	3	3	2,700	1	1,000	.....	25 00	1	37	3	20	150	28 00	50 00	6 47	84 47	2 00	2 00
Bunker Hill.....	.....	178	178	166	6	6	.....	1	6	3	3	2,500	.....	.....	75 00	115 00	.....	3	12	90	12 50	.....	2 50	15 00	.....	50	
Pisgah.....	4	678	682	632	53	16	19	52	33	4	4	5,125	1	1,000	.....	69 35	.....	4	42	348	51 72	2 80	7 12	61 64	.....	2 75	
Diana.....	.....	390	390	395	3	1	9	.....	2	3	3	4,500	1	1,000	.....	24 01	.....	3	18	160	15 00	.....	.....	17 50	1 00	1 00	
Bee Springs.....	3	470	473	465	3	16	11	.....	2	3	3	3,750	1	750	.....	151 00	1	30	3	29	239	29 45	3 75	2 00	36 02	2 15	2 75
Elkton.....	.....	112	112	117	.....	2	7	.....	1	1	1	600	1	600	.....	.....	1	30	1	8	84	10 00	.....	2 30	12 30	2 00	3 34
Pleasant Hill and Smyrna..	2	208	210	220	.....	6	16	3	6	2	2	1,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	15	100	8 93	.....	1 19	10 12	.....	82	
Total.....	24	7,026	7,050	6,764	315	323	352	119	201	54	56 1/4	\$91,861	16	\$19,343	\$1,809 00	\$6,022 43	18	669	50	385	3,234	\$660 03	\$165 97	\$82 48	\$982 25	\$118 95	\$47 03

CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Claim'ts.		Foreign Missions.		Dom. Missions.		Church Extens'n.		Paid for Education.	Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.	Other Objects.	Total from All Sources.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				
Columbia.....	\$ 195 00	\$ 195 00	\$1,200 00	\$1,200 00	\$ 30 14	\$ 30 14	\$107 25	\$107 25	\$ 288 20	\$ 288 20	\$ 132 05	\$132 05	\$ 87 75	\$ 87 75	\$ 39 98	\$17 95	.....	\$ 3,522 65
South Columbia.....	50 00	50 00	400 00	400 00	7 73	7 73	27 50	27 50	73 90	36 00	33 85	33 85	22 50	7 13	5 00	.....	\$ 348 02	916 90
Mt. Pleasant.....	105 00	105 00	700 00	800 00	16 27	16 27	57 50	57 75	155 19	155 19	71 10	71 10	47 25	47 25	21 55	.....	402 50	1,726 56
Culleoka and Hurricane.....	67 50	67 50	500 00	500 00	10 43	10 43	37 12	34 00	99 77	40 00	45 70	35 00	30 37	16 00	5 00	3 38	.....	1,822 59
Bigbyville.....	67 50	67 50	375 00	375 00	10 43	10 00	37 12	22 00	99 77	65 00	45 70	28 00	30 37	10 00	6 00	2 50	13 15	601 65
Hebron.....	37 50	37 50	182 50	182 50	5 80	2 00	20 62	2 00	55 42	9 75	25 40	8 00	16 87	1 80	1 00	1 00	84 50	547 20
Mooreville.....	50 00	30 05	400 00	241 40	7 73	7 73	27 50	12 58	73 90	40 00	33 85	19 00	22 50	5 00	.....	.....	42 00	760 29
Olivet and Lynnville.....	82 50	82 50	500 00	500 00	12 75	12 75	45 38	15 00	121 93	45 00	55 86	55 50	37 13	11 25	12 00	3 50	330 75	1,063 20
Pleasant Valley and Salem	60 00	60 00	400 00	400 00	9 27	9 27	33 00	16 33	88 68	31 00	40 63	28 00	27 00	4 00	2 00	3 06	.....	570 33
Pulaski.....	207 50	207 50	1,300 00	1,300 00	31 30	31 30	111 36	111 36	299 30	299 30	137 12	137 12	91 11	91 11	41 53	.....	.....	5,446 17
Trinity.....	45 00	45 00	300 00	300 00	6 95	6 95	24 75	24 75	66 55	66 55	30 50	30 50	20 25	20 25	9 22	.....	131 29	637 01
Fall River.....	37 00	16 88	222 00	97 07	5 80	5 80	20 62	2 65	55 42	3 60	25 40	7 90	16 87	.....	1 05	1 25	1 60	205 85
Prospect.....	82 50	67 01	500 00	406 14	12 75	12 75	45 38	41 00	121 93	85 00	55 86	33 00	37 13	10 00	10 00	7 60	39 85	717 10
Richland.....	60 00	55 15	400 00	368 23	9 27	9 27	33 00	20 00	88 68	85 00	40 63	40 63	27 00	12 00	6 00	5 89	10 00	66 57
Bunker Hill.....	35 00	4 70	150 00	114 50	5 40	2 00	19 25	1 50	51 73	12 00	23 70	11 00	15 75	1 00	1 50	.....	.....	278 70
Pisgah.....	82 50	82 50	500 00	500 00	12 75	12 75	45 38	45 38	121 93	51 00	55 86	55 86	37 13	37 13	4 26	7 60	66 70	987 05
Diana.....	82 50	72 05	400 00	341 00	12 75	12 75	45 38	20 00	121 93	26 00	55 86	23 00	37 13	2 00	1 00	.....	41 50	542 30
Bee Springs.....	82 50	67 04	500 00	427 95	12 75	12 75	45 38	31 00	121 93	53 00	55 86	30 01	37 13	20 00	6 00	3 00	.....	838 96
Elkton.....	50 00	50 00	300 00	300 00	7 73	7 73	27 50	6 00	73 90	43 00	33 85	20 00	22 50	4 00	1 25	2 20	2 07	438 82
Pleasant Hill and Smyrna..	25 00	25 00	130 00	130 00	3 86	3 88	13 75	4 50	36 95	6 00	16 93	5 00	11 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	176 12
Total.....	\$1,504 50	\$1,387 88	\$9,350 50	\$8,883 79	\$231 86	\$224 25	\$824 74	\$602 55	\$2,217 01	\$1,440 59	\$1,015 71	\$804 51	\$674 99	\$388 67	\$174 34	\$58 93	\$1,513 93	\$22,406 02

* One of which is a district parsonage.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.*

CHARGE.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Add'tns on Prof. of Faith.	Adds. by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals: Death, Certificate, etc.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parson-ages.	Value of Other Church Prop-erty.	Money Expended for Churches and Parson-ages.	Epworth Leagues.	Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collect- ed for Sunday- Schools.	Amount Collect- ed for Missions.	Amount Collect- ed on Chil- dren's Day.	Total Amount Raised.	American Bible Society.	Paid for Publish- ing Journal.
Franklin.....	5	494	499	512	14	20	47	3	7	1	1	\$15,000	1	\$ 3,000	\$1,000 00	\$ 22 20	2	75	1	25	250	\$ 86 58	\$ 36 63	\$ 8 00	\$131 21	\$ 3 00	\$ 5 00
Douglas.....	3	389	392	377	4	20	9	5	4	3	3	5,000	1	1,120	.....	120 00	2	100	3	20	200	34 45	.....	14 90	49 35	.....	3 10
Spring Hill.....	1	130	130	123	4	5	2	.....	3	1	1	5,000	1	1,200	200 00	4 72	1	28	1	8	67	13 75	5 00	13 00	31 75	4 45	1 75
Carter's Creek.....	1	366	367	345	30	4	12	.....	31	5	4	8,000	.....	.....	.....	166 00	2	75	5	22	180	16 00	.....	11 25	63 25	.....	2 25
Neapolis.....	2	442	444	427	36	6	25	2	23	4	4	4,500	1	900	130 00	29 50	3	150	4	29	175	32 13	.....	8 34	51 27	1 00	2 60
Brentwood and Trinity.....	.....	276	276	259	13	12	8	2	10	2	2	9,000	1	2,000	.....	3,075 00	3	100	2	14	120	69 90	.....	6 65	76 55	.....	2 60
Bethesda.....	3	586	589	573	20	7	11	24	14	5	5	5,000	1	500	150 00	51 00	1	40	6	35	250	18 15	.....	8 75	26 90	.....	2 60
Woodbine.....	1	97	98	86	10	8	6	2	4	1	1	1,000	1	1,000	.....	160 00	1	13	1	12	68	12 00	.....	8 00	73 85	.....	1 00
Nolensville.....	1	531	532	500	49	2	19	4	32	4	4	12,000	1	1,200	.....	140 00	4	200	4	45	325	35 00	.....	17 83	52 83	.....	3 00
Almaville.....	2	286	288	275	15	5	7	.....	13	4	4	2,350	1	800	75 00	.....	1	25	4	16	141	27 60	.....	5 42	33 02	.....	.....
College Grove.....	.....	429	429	478	11	10	70	7	5	4	4	5,800	1	1,000	.....	325 00	4	111	4	30	300	28 26	.....	7 12	35 38	.....	.....
Chapel Hill and Caney Spr.....	.....	301	301	298	7	5	9	1	5	2	2	2,200	.....	.....	500 00	58 50	2	40	2	18	167	17 50	.....	6 60	31 30	.....	2 25
Farmington and Verona.....	1	265	266	274	1	5	14	.....	.....	2	2	2,000	.....	.....	.....	10 00	1	30	2	16	150	25 00	.....	2 06	27 06	.....	2 25
Bethlehem and Johnson.....	2	234	236	239	13	1	17	2	.....	2	2	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	42	2	10	75	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	1 75
Fernvale.....	1	335	336	342	51	4	61	12	25	4	4	3,000	.....	.....	.....	690 94	.....	2	6	56	6 55	.....	3 13	9 68	.....	1 00	
Mill Creek.....	1	235	236	247	4	2	17	.....	1	3	3	3,600	.....	.....	.....	65 00	.....	3	18	100	25 00	.....	16 57	41 57	3 00	1 00	
Berlin.....	2	371	373	385	2	9	23	.....	1	4	4	2,750	1	350	115 00	41 70	2	50	4	18	200	10 80	.....	3 50	14 30	.....	1 70
Total.....	25	5,767	5,792	5,740	284	125	357	64	178	51	50	\$88,200	11	\$13,070	\$2,170 00	\$4,899 56	30	1079	50	342	2,824	\$478 67	\$41 63	\$141 12	\$769 27	\$11 45	\$33 85

CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Claim'nts.		Foreign Missions.		Dom. Mis'ns.		Ch. Extension.		Paid for Edu- cation.	Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.	Other Objects.	Total from All Sources.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				
Franklin.....	\$ 171 40	\$ 171 40	\$1,200 00	\$1,200 00	\$ 27 26	\$ 27 26	\$ 95 68	\$ 95 68	\$ 280 55	\$ 280 55	\$130 04	\$130 04	\$ 95 55	\$ 95 55	\$ 50 40	.....	\$ 167 00	\$ 3,216 31
Douglas.....	90 00	69 00	610 00	541 60	14 30	14 30	50 40	40 00	150 45	101 85	68 45	68 65	50 35	20 00	5 70	\$ 2 00	107 80	969 40
Spring Hill.....	84 00	84 00	450 00	455 00	13 35	10 00	47 10	20 00	140 25	70 00	63 90	25 00	47 05	5 00	.....	63 00	733 75	
Carter's Creek.....	63 00	63 00	475 00	475 00	10 10	10 10	35 25	35 25	105 15	70 00	47 95	40 00	34 95	10 00	5 00	3 00	242 15	1,004 70
Neapolis.....	72 00	72 00	550 00	550 00	11 50	11 50	40 30	40 30	120 20	120 20	54 80	54 80	40 30	40 30	18 30	5 25	.....	1,112 27
Brentwood and Trinity.....	72 00	72 00	550 00	550 00	11 50	11 50	40 30	40 30	120 20	120 20	54 80	54 80	40 30	40 30	18 30	.....	319 47	4,304 47
Bethesda.....	72 00	72 00	470 00	470 00	11 45	11 45	40 30	40 30	120 20	120 20	54 00	54 00	40 30	10 00	.....	.....	77 90	856 45
Woodbine.....	47 60	47 60	450 00	450 00	7 27	7 30	33 88	10 10	85 50	20 00	38 00	10 00	32 60	5 00	2 00	3 90	2 18	774 80
Nolensville.....	87 00	83 00	500 00	477 50	13 40	13 40	47 85	22 35	145 30	65 55	65 00	30 00	47 85	20 00	.....	8 75	192 83	915 73
Almaville.....	36 00	15 90	200 00	100 00	5 75	5 00	20 10	5 00	60 00	5 00	27 35	5 00	20 15	.....	2 00	3 00	17 42	158 32
College Grove.....	82 00	82 00	600 00	600 00	13 40	13 40	47 85	9 00	145 30	129 35	65 00	65 00	47 85	.....	21 00	.....	983 00	1,314 43
Chapel Hill and Caney Spr.....	60 00	58 00	400 00	359 60	9 50	9 50	33 55	33 55	100 20	30 00	45 65	45 65	33 55	10 00	6 30	2 75	.....	647 05
Farmington and Verona.....	60 00	40 00	400 00	364 00	9 50	9 50	33 55	20 00	100 20	45 00	45 65	22 50	33 55	6 00	5 00	.....	514 25	
Bethlehem and Johnson.....	48 00	48 00	315 00	317 00	7 75	7 75	26 80	15 00	80 10	20 00	36 45	23 75	26 80	4 25	4 25	4 25	25 00	472 05
Fernvale.....	30 00	22 06	150 00	116 85	4 85	2 50	16 75	8 00	50 10	20 00	22 80	12 00	16 75	10 00	.....	1 50	172 00	1,065 55
Mill Creek.....	72 00	61 05	500 00	434 60	11 50	7 00	40 30	10 00	120 20	15 00	54 75	16 85	40 30	2 50	.....	1 50	.....	553 40
Berlin.....	48 00	42 00	332 00	267 45	7 75	7 75	26 80	10 00	80 10	15 00	36 45	10 00	26 80	6 00	.....	2 50	81 50	442 90
Total.....	\$1,195 00	\$1,103 01	\$8,152 00	\$7,728 60	\$190 13	\$179 21	\$676 76	\$454 83	\$2,004 00	\$1,247 90	\$911 04	\$668 04	\$675 00	\$284 90	\$138 25	\$38 40	\$2,451 25	\$19,055 83

* District parsonage at Franklin, \$3,000.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGE.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Add'tns on Prof. of Faith.	Adds. by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals: Death, Certificate, etc.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages.	Epworth Leagues.	Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday-Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Total Amount Raised.	American Bible Society.	Paid for Publishing Journal.
Madison Street.....	1	583	584	563	19	29	27	2	7	1	1	\$ 45,000	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 4 7 07	1	50	1	32	358	\$ 86 81	\$ 45 00	\$ 16 00	\$ 286 31	\$ 33 06	\$ 7 55
Forest St. and Bethlehem...	...	326	326	325	12	9	20	3	19	3	2½	3,900	\$ 50 00	751 29	1	48	2	16	135	44 30	7 00	51 30	2 00	1 90
Montgomery.....	2	523	525	512	14	7	8	2	14	5	5	3,300	1	500	50 00	112 00	.....	5	12	175	20 00	.....	10 00	30 00	10 00	2 10
New Providence and Bethel	...	243	243	240	2	7	6	.....	4	4	.....	7,000	1	1,200	.....	439 25	.....	3	21	134	24 90	16 87	15 86	57 63	3 40	3 15
Big Rock.....	3	617	620	692	7	10	89	7	10	7	7	4,000	1	500	.....	10 00	.....	7	35	235	17 65	.....	.....	17 65	.....	1 25
Palmyra.....	2	472	474	472	1	7	6	7	5	5	4	4,250	1	400	.....	100 76	1	97	5	30	250	24 45	.....	24 45	.....	1 25
Antioch.....	2	538	540	540	14	11	25	9	12	4	4	4,000	1	1,000	.....	160 20	3	125	3	24	135	19 05	15 20	36 80	3 21	2 30
Southside.....	3	568	571	544	15	16	4	12	15	5	5	5,542	1	700	.....	115 95	.....	5	34	323	22 13	.....	.....	22 13	1 45	1 90
Asbury.....	...	454	454	511	28	18	103	6	21	4	4	4,600	1	1,500	375 35	1	55	4	19	210	20 32	5 50	6 84	32 66	5 00	2 30
Clifton and Mallory's.....	1	597	598	595	39	5	41	4	3	4	4	4,100	1	1,000	.....	390 00	.....	5	21	195	28 87	.....	7 66	36 53	6 76	1 90
Guthrie.....	1	317	318	283	14	34	13	2	12	4	4	5,500	1	1,500	200 00	339 79	1	16	4	23	170	27 69	6 28	33 97	.....	2 10
Ashland City & Pleas't View.	2	264	266	266	6	9	15	2	2	3	2	2,200	1	1,000	100 00	404 45	.....	3	27	198	32 88	2 03	9 08	47 91	.....	1 75
Sadlersville and Adams Sta.	2	350	350	368	2	20	2	2	2	5,500	1	1,200	250 00	1	35	2	20	150	40 00	7 50	8 75	56 25	3 00
Cedar Hill.....	2	437	439	452	26	3	42	.....	19	3	3	6,700	1	700	3,265 00	80 00	1	25	2	15	145	28 66	2 50	31 16	1 75	3 15
Springfield.....	1	275	276	252	21	19	16	3	15	1	1	5,500	1	2,000	700 00	39 50	2	67	1	14	152	92 49	74 95	2 16	171 10	5 00	3 15
Red River.....	...	556	556	625	12	2	83	12	12	5	5	4,800	1	1,400	.....	12 95	.....	6	50	315	25 40	.....	2 00	27 00	.....	1 70
Cross Plains.....	3	579	582	512	85	12	27	18	65	6	5	6,300	1	1,600	55 00	249 65	1	24	7	37	272	37 08	5 00	47 83	5 00	1 80	
Total.....	23	7,699	7,722	7,752	315	200	545	91	259	66	62½	\$122,193	16	\$11,200	\$4,420 00	\$1,198 21	13	542	65	430	3,554	\$692 28	\$151 87	\$114 33	\$1,010 68	\$76 63	\$42 25

CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Cl'm'ts.		Foreign Missions.		Dom'stic Mis.		Chu'ch Ext'n.		Paid for Education.	Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.	Other Objects.	Total from All Sources.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.				
Madison Street.....	\$ 270 00	\$ 270 00	\$ 2,000 00	\$ 2,000 00	\$ 35 07	\$ 35 07	\$124 75	\$124 75	\$ 381 60	\$ 381 60	\$173 31	\$173 31	\$119 70	\$119 70	\$ 58 05	.....	.....	\$ 5,556 59
Forest St. and Bethlehem...	67 50	49 55	500 00	402 40	8 75	8 75	31 20	28 50	95 40	60 00	43 30	43 30	29 95	20 00	10 50	.....	\$ 129 02	1,559 61
Montgomery.....	75 00	64 40	600 00	515 22	9 75	9 75	34 65	34 65	106 00	106 00	48 15	48 15	33 25	33 25	16 10	.....	10 00	849 62
New Providence and Bethel	112 50	112 50	750 00	751 50	14 60	14 60	52 00	52 00	159 00	159 00	72 20	72 20	49 85	49 85	24 20	.....	90 65	1,325 90
Big Rock.....	45 00	36 65	420 00	365 00	5 85	5 85	20 80	20 80	63 6	63 60	28 85	28 85	19 95	19 95	9 75	.....	100 00	651 70
Palmyra.....	45 00	32 30	290 00	217 24	5 85	5 85	20 80	20 80	63 60	63 60	28 90	28 90	19 95	19 95	9 65	.....	101 06	525 07
Antioch.....	82 50	82 50	550 00	550 00	10 70	10 70	38 10	38 10	116 60	116 60	52 95	52 95	36 60	36 60	17 75	.....	48 00	1,110 50
Southside.....	63 75	58 00	600 00	548 15	8 25	8 30	29 85	30 00	90 10	100 00	40 90	41 00	28 25	28 50	14 00	.....	63 00	1,038 13
Asbury.....	82 50	80 00	600 00	572 20	10 70	10 70	38 10	40 00	116 60	120 00	52 95	53 00	36 60	38 17	20 00	.....	82 80	1,024 17
Clifton and Mallory's.....	63 75	63 75	600 00	600 00	8 30	8 30	29 45	39 02	90 10	100 00	40 90	44 50	28 25	28 25	17 25	.....	499 84	1,409 60
Guthrie.....	75 00	62 65	600 00	501 23	9 70	9 70	34 65	34 65	1 6 00	106 50	48 15	48 15	33 25	33 25	16 15	.....	78 06	1,393 15
Ashland City & Pleas't View.	61 90	56 09	500 00	454 15	8 05	8 05	28 60	28 00	87 45	50 00	39 70	39 70	27 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,397 91
Sadlersville and Adams Sta	106 85	106 85	650 00	650 00	13 90	13 90	49 35	49 35	151 05	151 05	68 60	71 56	47 40	40 00	11 00	.....	50 00	1,399 06
Cedar Hill.....	112 50	96 00	700 00	600 00	14 60	14 60	51 95	51 95	159 00	159 00	72 20	72 20	49 90	49 90	24 20	.....	268 09	1,332 29
Springfield.....	112 50	112 50	900 00	900 00	14 60	14 60	52 00	52 00	159 00	161 50	72 20	72 20	49 85	49 85	24 20	.....	.....	2,058 77
Red River.....	60 00	54 12	500 00	447 43	7 80	7 80	27 70	27 70	84 80	84 80	38 50	38 50	26 60	26 60	12 90	.....	108 00	809 55
Cross Plains.....	63 75	63 75	600 00	600 00	8 30	8 35	29 45	29 45	90 15	95 15	40 90	40 90	28 25	28 25	13 70	.....	280 70	1,461 53
Total.....	\$1,500 00	\$1,401 41	\$11,360 00	\$10,674 52	\$194 77	\$194 87	\$623 40	\$701 72	\$2,120 05	\$2,078 40	\$962 66	\$969 37	\$665 00	\$622 07	\$299 40	.....	\$1,909 22	\$24,903 15

DICKSON DISTRICT. *

CHARGE.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Add'ns on Prof. of Faith.	Adds. by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals: Death, Certificate, etc.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parson ages.	Value of Other Church Prop- erty.	Money Expended for Churches and Parson- ages.	Epworth Leagues.	Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collect- ed for Sunday- Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collect- ed on Chil- dren's Day.	Total Amount Raised.	American Bible Society.	Paid for Publish- ing Journal.
Centerville.....	1	242	243	198	52	13	20	2	37	3	2	\$ 2,200	1	\$ 750	\$ 40	\$ 27 45	1	48	1	11	105	\$ 15 46	.....	\$ 1 65	\$ 17 05	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00
Shady Grove.....	2	411	413	541	10	2	140	.....	6	6	6	5,700	1	650	.....	48 00	1	37	5	33	221	25 40	.....	5 08	30 48	.....	1 00
Santa Fé.....	5	684	689	644	46	13	14	7	37	5	4 1/4	4,600	1	500	.....	.....	3	167	5	30	208	23 80	.....	20 32	64 44	.....	1 00
Goodrich.....	3	289	292	294	46	22	70	3	28	6	4 1/2	1,800	1	100	50	.....	.....	6	31	191	16 22	.....	5 20	21 42	.....	80	
White Bluff and Mission	2	238	240	398	12	12	182	2	11	8	2	1,200	1	225	.....	190 00	.....	5	20	159	8 15	.....	.....	8 15	.....	.....
Dickson.....	1	233	234	249	7	9	31	3	4	1	1	5,000	1	1,200	.....	148 50	1	18	1	15	135	41 26	.....	3 30	44 56	30 00	1 40
Charlotte.....	2	783	785	670	168	7	60	21	131	7	6	4,325	1	400	.....	2,500 00	6	203	7	65	615	75 00	.....	20 00	132 60	.....	1 50
Edgewood.....	3	431	434	411	26	2	5	4	24	9	2 1/2	1,400	1	500	50	83 75	.....	3	15	129	5 70	.....	.....	5 70	1 00	1 00	
Houston.....	3	488	491	468	13	13	3	12	3	5	5 1/2	1,400	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	38	170	16 80	.....	4 50	21 30	.....	65	
Erin.....	3	177	180	147	8	28	3	2	.....	1	1	1,300	1	1,000	.....	163 40	2	67	1	13	86	78 50	.....	7 71	86 21	.....	.....
Cumberland City.....	2	393	395	363	20	16	4	13	22	3	3	1,000	1	650	.....	122 30	1	26	3	35	308	39 50	.....	7 00	66 50	50	80
Dover.....	1	468	469	428	36	7	2	2	22	9	9	6,000	1	500	50	3,441 00	1	25	9	53	356	33 65	.....	5 00	38 65	.....	75
Standing Rock.....	5	351	356	344	12	8	8	17	9	8	6	2,800	1	200	.....	38 00	.....	8	47	322	13 51	.....	2 31	15 82	.....	75	
Stewart.....	2	621	623	603	28	3	11	9	21	8	8	5,000	1	500	150	.....	1	60	5	22	160	5 93	.....	5 93	.....	1 00	
Hustburg.....	6	382	388	292	34	75	13	15	25	4	2	3,160	1	350	.....	129 60	4	170	5	32	440	28 81	.....	7 75	36 56	1 88	1 00
Liberty.....	.....	316	316	291	36	5	16	8	18	5	4	2,500	1	300	25	.....	2	44	6	28	226	38 35	.....	2 75	41 10	.....	85
Waverly.....	2	190	192	195	2	6	11	.....	1	1	1	1,850	1	1,500	.....	91 00	2	80	1	10	80	41 06	.....	.....	66 06	50	1 00
McEwen and Mission.....	8	325	333	391	12	5	75	6	12	7	5 1/2	3,900	1	250	.....	10 00	.....	6	24	191	20 28	.....	1 39	21 67	.....	85	
Bold Spring.....	3	453	456	488	23	.....	55	.....	11	10	4 1/2	1,000	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	6	19	261	5 00	.....	70	5 70	50	75	
Total.....	54	7,475	7,529	7,415	591	246	723	126	421	106	77 1/4	\$56,135	17	\$9,575	\$365	\$7,005 00	25	945	88	541	4,363	\$532 32	.....	\$94 66	\$729 90	\$35 38	\$16 10

CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf Cl'm'ts.		Foreign Mis'ns.		Dom'tic Mis'ns.		Ch'ch Ext'n.		Paid for Edu- cation.	Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.	Other Objects.	Total from All Sources.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				
Centerville.....	\$ 60 00	\$ 51 60	\$ 430 00	\$ 370 00	\$ 4 50	\$ 4 50	\$ 15 50	\$ 15 50	\$ 37 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 21 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 10 00	.....	\$ 190 42	\$ 874 84
Shady Grove.....	60 00	51 20	400 00	368 39	5 00	5 00	17 10	5 00	51 50	51 50	20 00	20 00	18 00	.....	10 00	.....	24 85	612 07
Santa Fé.....	75 00	75 00	440 00	440 00	5 00	5 00	19 50	19 50	57 40	57 40	24 75	24 75	23 75	5 00	.....	.....	.....	702 09
Goodrich.....	35 00	11 86	300 00	114 81	3 75	3 75	12 50	5 00	31 00	20 00	18 00	12 75	15 50	.....	1 15	\$ 1 50	120 00	334 32
White Bluff and Mission.....	30 00	7 30	200 00	68 50	3 25	3 25	11 50	11 50	30 00	30 00	14 70	14 70	15 00	1 20	8 25	1 50	51 00	393 85
Dickson.....	85 00	64 00	500 00	449 61	6 00	6 00	21 00	21 00	66 25	66 25	29 00	29 00	28 00	28 00	14 00	3 50	203 15	960 67
Charlotte.....	75 00	61 37	500 00	450 00	5 00	5 00	20 50	10 50	57 85	30 00	25 75	25 75	24 30	10 30	.....	3 50	.....	3,250 93
Edgewood.....	50 00	33 50	300 00	206 05	4 25	4 25	14 25	8 55	40 50	22 80	19 25	19 25	17 50	2 00	4 25	3 00	122 70	428 35
Houston.....	35 00	21 42	160 00	111 55	2 50	2 50	8 90	8 90	22 00	15 00	13 50	13 50	11 25	.....	.....	30	53 44	254 16
Erin.....	70 00	70 00	600 00	600 00	4 25	5 00	14 50	10 00	47 00	47 00	18 50	18 50	18 00	18 00	9 00	.....	220 00	1,033 18
Cumberland City.....	65 00	50 32	600 00	457 79	4 25	4 25	14 50	15 05	40 00	40 00	18 50	18 50	18 00	18 00	10 00	.....	90 00	676 66
Dover.....	45 00	46 50	331 00	342 50	3 15	3 25	12 20	13 00	34 00	35 00	16 50	17 00	15 20	16 00	10 00	.....	81 60	4,044 25
Standing Rock.....	40 00	34 38	252 50	252 50	3 20	3 15	12 20	12 20	30 00	27 95	15 25	15 25	13 00	.....	.....	2 00	31 00	418 23
Stewart.....	50 00	32 23	400 00	274 75	4 25	4 25	14 25	9 00	40 50	34 00	17 50	15 50	18 00	7 50	4 80	1 00	3 50	377 03
Hustburg.....	65 00	59 14	405 00	368 50	4 25	4 25	16 85	16 85	50 00	50 00	22 00	22 00	20 10	8 28	10 50	30	.....	809 54
Liberty.....	45 00	34 00	275 00	219 37	4 00	4 00	16 85	16 85	40 00	20 00	20 75	20 75	19 10	.....	.....	1 60	27 05	385 57
Waverly.....	60 00	48 00	500 00	400 00	5 00	5 00	18 00	18 00	53 00	43 00	18 50	18 50	20 27	13 50	3 00	2 50	.....	649 56
McEwen and Mission.....	35 00	21 30	252 00	156 82	4 15	4 15	13 20	9 00	35 00	19 00	17 00	17 00	15 70	9 00	3 00	1 00	22 35	330 90
Bold Spring.....	20 00	16 30	235 00	119 20	3 15	3 15	11 00	11 00	20 00	10 00	15 40	15 40	13 37	3 00	.....	1 00	.....	196 60
Total.....	\$1,000 00	\$792 42	\$7,080 50	\$5,770 34	\$78 90	\$79 70	\$284 70	\$236 40	\$783 00	\$663 90	\$364 85	\$358 10	\$345 04	\$164 78	\$97 95	\$22 70	\$1,241 06	\$16,732 80

* District parsonage property, at Dickson, \$490.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

CHARGE.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Add'ts on Prof. of Faith.	Adds. by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals: Death, Certificate, etc.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages.	Epworth Leagues.	Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday-Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Total Amount Raised.	American Bible Society.	Paid for Publishing Journal.
Savannah.....	.....	266	266	264	.....	5	3	4	.....	1	1	\$ 5,000	1	\$1,000	.....	\$ 118 78	.....	.....	1	18	104	\$ 65 91	\$15 83	\$10 44	\$ 92 18	\$ 5 25	\$1 60
Savannah Circuit.....	4	571	575	512	60	9	6	5	36	7	7	3,000	1	750	\$ 75	50 00	1	38	6	42	375	97 00	.....	2 15	99 15	.....	80
Waynesboro.....	.....	181	181	160	19	9	7	.....	9	5	3	2,378	1	500	200	125 00	.....	.....	4	18	160	19 25	.....	1 00	20 25	.....	70
Mt. Auburn.....	1	409	410	506	11	.....	107	.....	5	5	5	5,000	1	1,200	.....	23 00	.....	.....	3	15	170	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Clifton.....	.....	208	208	163	42	10	7	6	30	3	3	1,400	.....	.....	125	30 00	.....	.....	3	17	150	25 00	.....	.....	37 00	.....	50
Linden and Beardstown.....	1	191	192	187	21	3	19	.....	17	4	3	4,100	1	300	.....	400 00	1	40	1	7	50	28 00	20 00	.....	59 00	.....	80
Linden Mission.....	3	247	250	245	9	.....	4	.....	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	75	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....
Cane Creek.....	2	177	179	170	9	3	3	3	9	6	3½	1,200	1	125	.....	40 00	.....	.....	3	9	80	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....
Lowryville.....	.....	280	280	280	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lawrenceburg.....	1	287	288	275	.....	16	3	6	.....	3	3	3,000	1	1,000	.....	590 00	.....	.....	3	22	177	40 00	.....	4 73	44 73	1 10	90
Pleasant Point.....	.....	84	84	79	8	.....	3	.....	8	3	3½	123	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....
West Point.....	1	186	187	182	21	2	18	3	13	4	4	3,300	.....	.....	430	230 00	.....	.....	4	20	140	26 15	.....	5 40	46 55	1 00	1 00
Hampshire and Pisgah.....	1	168	169	153	16	2	2	.....	16	2	2	1,050	1	600	.....	313 50	1	28	1	12	108	9 70	3 35	13 05	1 75	80	
Sandy Hook and Bethel.....	.....	149	149	135	14	.....	8	2	8	2	2	2,000	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	2	9	63	7 50	.....	1 52	9 02	56	25
Williamsport.....	3	339	342	334	13	5	10	6	2	4	3	6,650	1	1,000	225	255 00	1	60	3	23	160	25 00	3 50	43 50	3 50	1 80	
Summertown.....	1	336	337	318	26	.....	7	7	24	9	3	1,100	.....	.....	220	1 00	.....	.....	3	17	114	9 45	.....	19 45	25	25	
Total.....	18	4,079	4,097	3,963	269	64	199	40	184	65	46	\$39,301	9	\$6,475	\$1,275	\$2,226 28	4	166	39	239	1,926	\$364 96	\$35 83	\$32 09	\$495 88	\$14 01	\$9 40

CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Claim'ts.		Foreign Mis'ns.		Domestic Mis'ns.		Chu'ch Ext'n.		Paid for Edu- ca- tion.	Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.	Other Objects.	Total from All Sources.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Asses'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				
Savannah.....	\$ 80 00	\$ 80 00	\$ 450 00	\$ 450 00	\$ 7 40	\$ 7 40	\$ 26 40	\$ 26 40	\$ 70 40	\$ 70 40	\$ 32 60	\$ 32 60	\$ 35 45	\$11 25	\$ 5 35	\$ 3 00	\$ 43 25	\$ 723 80
Savannah Circuit.....	40 00	26 36	390 00	306 09	3 30	3 30	13 20	13 20	35 20	35 20	16 30	16 30	17 72	17 75	9 25	3 00	.....	430 25
Waynesboro.....	35 00	19 36	265 00	158 23	3 25	3 25	11 55	11 55	30 80	10 00	14 25	14 25	15 50	7 00	2 35	.....	.....	369 90
Mt. Auburn.....	35 00	20 90	275 00	169 10	3 70	3 70	13 20	13 20	35 20	17 50	16 30	16 30	17 72	9 30	.....	.....	28 00	298 00
Clifton.....	30 00	21 00	220 00	154 00	2 30	2 30	8 25	5 00	22 00	10 00	10 20	10 20	11 10	5 55	5 75	90	.....	215 20
Linden and Beardstown.....	40 00	32 28	300 00	254 72	3 70	3 70	13 20	10 00	35 20	10 00	16 30	10 00	17 72	7 50	.....	3 00	59 70	741 70
Linden Mission.....	32 50	13 40	185 00	105 00	3 00	.....	10 70	.....	28 60	.....	13 25	9 00	14 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	131 40
Cane Creek.....	30 00	11 18	150 00	55 92	2 80	2 80	9 90	1 75	26 40	.....	12 25	12 25	13 29	.....	.....	.....	.....	83 90
Lowryville.....	45 00	15 50	300 00	140 00	4 20	.....	14 85	.....	39 60	.....	18 35	5 00	19 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	160 50
Lawrenceburg.....	45 00	38 00	400 00	350 00	4 20	4 20	14 85	10 00	39 60	20 00	18 35	10 00	19 92	10 00	.....	.....	85 00	1,154 73
Pleasant Point.....	15 00	5 00	105 00	35 00	1 40	1 40	4 95	1 80	13 20	.....	6 15	3 00	6 64	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 80
West Point.....	50 00	31 25	400 00	250 73	4 65	4 60	16 50	10 00	44 00	10 00	20 43	12 80	22 16	7 50	1 00	1 40	11 65	342 98
Hampshire and Pisgah.....	40 00	40 00	300 00	300 00	3 70	3 70	13 20	3 00	35 00	10 00	16 30	10 00	17 72	.....	.....	.....	122 65	804 60
Sandy Hook and Bethel.....	12 50	12 50	140 00	149 66	1 15	1 15	4 15	4 15	11 00	11 00	5 10	5 10	5 54	5 55	2 80	.....	80 15	271 87
Williamsport.....	90 00	90 00	450 00	475 70	8 35	8 25	29 70	13 00	79 20	79 20	36 70	36 70	39 87	10 00	20 80	.....	224 25	1,261 80
Summertown.....	30 00	8 90	200 00	74 25	2 80	2 00	9 90	2 00	26 40	2 00	12 23	10 00	13 29	.....	.....	25	.....	99 90
Total.....	\$650 00	\$465 63	\$4,530 00	\$3,428 40	\$59 90	\$51 75	\$214 59	\$125 05	\$571 80	\$285 30	\$265 06	\$213 50	\$287 96	\$91 40	\$47 30	\$11 55	\$654 65	\$7,137 33

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICT.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Add'ns on Prof. of Faith.	Add. by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals: Death, Certificate, etc.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Societies.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages.	Epworth Leagues.	Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Total Amount Raised.	American Bible Society.	Paid for Publishing Journal.
Nashville.....	44	6,249	6,293	6,591	406	543	1,247	125	213	30	24	\$ 212,376	5	\$ 11,300	\$10,960 00	\$ 7,076 98	29	1,143	31	389	3,738	\$1,659 39	\$ 212 38	\$113 16	\$ 2,247 37	\$145 30	\$ 32 00
East Nashville.....	24	6,842	6,866	6,663	376	413	586	103	272	58	54½	159,500	13	15,200	1,900 00	3,634 75	17	675	53	484	4,072	1,486 35	422 22	177 74	2,219 35	67 99	44 85
Lebanon *.....	28	6,762	6,790	6,983	287	151	631	71	250	92	73	60,320	12	7,275	1,250 00	1,397 24	7	173	63	403	3,341	507 49	8 90	82 22	666 71	13 98	19 85
Murfreesboro.....	21	7,520	7,541	7,347	270	295	371	91	183	90	78	126,573	11	13,950	6,137 00	4,796 44	20	532	67	451	3,895	590 71	85 69	73 50	840 26	57 21	27 46
Fayetteville.....	33	7,679	7,712	7,834	297	212	631	66	211	78	73	83,807	15	11,950	1,597 00	5,389 57	16	574	67½	401	3,744	683 28	52 68	73 41	878 52	29 33	24 02
Columbia.....	24	7,026	7,050	6,764	315	323	352	119	201	54	50¾	91,861	16 †	19,343	1,809 00	6,022 43	18	669	50	385	3,234	660 03	165 97	82 48	982 25	118 95	47 03
Franklin †.....	25	5,767	5,792	5,740	284	125	357	64	178	51	50	88,200	11	13,070	2,170 00	4,899 56	30	1,079	50	342	2,824	478 67	41 63	141 12	769 27	11 45	33 85
Clarksville.....	23	7,699	7,722	7,752	315	200	545	91	259	66	6¼	122,192	16	21,200	4,420 00	4,198 21	13	542	65	430	3,554	692 28	151 87	114 33	1,010 68	76 63	42 25
Dickson §.....	54	7,475	7,529	7,415	591	246	723	126	421	106	77¾	56,135	17	9,575	365 00	7,005 00	25	945	88	541	4,363	532 33	.....	94 66	729 90	35 38	16 10
Savannah.....	18	4,079	4,097	3,963	269	64	199	40	184	65	46	39,301	9	6,475	1,275 00	2,226 28	4	166	39	239	1,926	364 96	35 83	32 09	495 88	14 01	9 40
Total this year.....	294	67,098	67,392	67,052	3,410	2,572	5,612	896	2,372	691	589	\$1,040,265	125	\$129,338	\$31,883 00	\$46,646 46	179	6,498	573½	4,065	34,691	\$7,655 49	\$1,177 17	\$984 71	\$10,870 19	\$570 23	\$296 81
Total last year.....	284	68,046	68,330	.....	3,632	2,268	3,802	975	2,706	666	582	1,030,866	123	128,418	28,719 50	55,755 79	199	7,492	562	3,849	33,735	7,071 73	1,585 07	679 10	11,357 91	378 76	282 30
Increase.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	304	1,840	.....	.....	24	7	\$ 9,399	2	\$ 920	\$ 3,163 50	.....	.....	11½	216	956	\$ 583 76	\$ 407 90	\$305 61	.....	\$191 47	\$ 14 51	
Decrease.....	.....	918	938	.....	222	.....	.....	79	334	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 9,109 33	20	994	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 517 72	.....	.....

DISTRICT.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Bishops.		Conf. Claimants.		Foreign Missions.		Domestic Mis'ns.		Church Extens'n.		Paid for Education.	Exp. Del. Gen. Conf.	Other Objects.	Total from All Sources.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				
Nashville.....	\$ 1,900 00	\$ 1,801 45	\$ 14,034 71	\$12,944 26	\$ 338 00	\$ 341 00	\$1,254 00	\$ 954 24	\$ 3,516 00	\$ 1,813 34	\$1,787 00	1,434 10	\$1,000 00	\$ 357 00	\$ 418 75	\$ 65 91	\$13,326 22	\$ 39,163 40
East Nashville.....	1,750 00	1,589 43	12,719 00	11,509 58	236 46	231 61	841 50	731 27	2,650 05	1,966 49	1,225 47	1,007 67	675 25	463 17	225 79	36 27	7,929 97	29,871 19
Lebanon.....	1,100 00	828 18	6,963 00	5,497 27	129 85	105 30	462 00	241 80	1,342 20	490 45	592 45	435 20	475 00	113 00	37 35	27 65	962 93	10,176 95
Murfreesboro.....	1,500 00	1,161 83	9,402 80	7,519 89	201 00	201 00	703 20	385 99	2,099 94	824 77	1,044 78	587 45	635 00	257 28	138 66	33 94	3,147 39	18,626 69
Fayetteville.....	1,350 00	1,094 68	9,478 63	7,770 89	178 60	167 69	640 30	347 67	1,860 42	695 55	819 41	406 11	595 66	220 33	75 84	25 71	1,940 43	17,191 19
Columbia.....	1,504 50	1,387 88	9,359 50	8,883 79	231 86	224 25	824 74	602 55	2,217 01	1,440 59	1,015 92	804 51	674 99	387 67	174 34	58 93	1,513 93	22,406 02
Franklin.....	1,195 00	1,103 01	8,152 00	7,728 60	190 13	179 21	676 76	454 83	2,004 00	1,247 90	911 85	668 04	675 00	284 70	138 25	38 40	2,451 25	19,055 83
Clarksville.....	1,500 00	1,401 61	11,760 00	10,674 52	194 77	194 87	693 40	701 72	2,120 05	2,078 40	962 66	969 37	675 00	622 07	299 40	.....	1,909 22	24,903 15
Dickson.....	1,000 00	792 42	7,080 50	5,770 34	78 90	79 70	284 70	236 40	783 00	663 90	364 85	358 10	345 04	164 78	97 95	22 70	1,241 06	16,732 80
Savannah.....	650 00	465 63	4,530 00	3,428 40	59 90	51 75	214 50	125 95	571 80	285 30	265 06	213 50	237 96	91 40	47 30	11 55	654 65	7,137 33
Total this year ...	\$13,449 50	\$11,626 12	\$93,080 14	\$81,727 54	\$1,839 47	\$1,776 38	\$6,595 10	\$4,781 52	\$19,164 47	\$11,506 69	\$8,989 45	\$6,884 05	\$6,028 90	\$2,961 40	\$1,653 63	\$321 06	\$35,077 05	\$205,264 55
Total last year.....	12,946 35	11,091 59	93,435 40	80,503 78	1,867 57	1,786 09	6,583 68	4,751 43	19,509 12	11,330 72	9,339 39	6,636 65	6,378 72	2,712 62	1,478 80	492 79	37,985 47	208,802 10
Increase.....	\$ 503 15	\$ 534 53	.....	\$ 1,223 76	.....	.....	\$ 11 42	\$ 30 09	.....	\$ 175 97	.....	\$ 247 40	.....	\$ 248 78	\$ 174 83	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	\$ 355 26	.....	\$ 28 10	\$ 9 71	.....	.....	\$ 344 65	.....	\$ 349 94	.....	\$ 349 82	.....	.....	\$171 73	\$ 2,908 42	\$ 3,537 55

*A district parsonage, valued at \$3,000. †One a district parsonage. ‡A district parsonage at Franklin, \$3,000. § District parsonage property, \$490.

STATISTICS OF TENNESSEE CONFERENCE FROM 1866 TO 1897 INCLUSIVE.

Year.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members	Traveling Preachers.	Superannuated Preachers.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Presiding Elders.	Paid Presiding Elders.	Average Salary Presiding Elders.	Effective Preachers, not Incl. P. E.	Paid Preacher in Charge.	Av. Salary P. C.	Bishops.	Conf. Claimants.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Missions.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Church Extension.
1866..	329	35,566	1,647	152	12	4,103	492	.....	.....	.....	.....	219	1,073	8,995	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1,428 75	.....	.....	\$1,439 90	.....	.....
1867..	398	38,966	1,257	166	13	3,709	697	.....	.....	.....	.....	281	1,725	12,917	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,679 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1868..	899	41,004	336	176	10	3,024	905	.....	.....	.....	.....	403	2,626	18,721	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,565 00	\$ 303 55	\$2,254 33	.....	.....	.....
1869..	436	41,917	400	187	10	2,245	854	.....	.....	.....	.....	419	2,808	21,143	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,6 5 61	1,565 35	2,601 65	.....	.....	.....
1870..	302	33,789	173	155	7	2,408	654	.....	.....	.....	.....	320	2,039	15,381	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,108 0	2,906 93	2,602 23	.....	.....	.....
1871..	317	36,459	144	167	8	2,732	892	.....	.....	.....	.....	356	2,127	17,009	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,075 40	.....	.....	3,411 40	.....	.....
1872..	307	38,591	53	174	6	2,950	1,118	492	\$ 658,610	15	\$ 43,750	351	2,007	17,888	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,287 85	.....	.....	5,520 24	.....	.....
1873..	340	39,645	22	174	6	2,938	1,000	483	875,030	24	105,150	371	2,223	18,945	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,476 80	.....	.....	5,505 75	.....	.....
1874..	342	41,004	10	185	6	3,284	942	405	690,595	22	96,550	367	2,475	18,888	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,421 65	.....	.....	7,283 58	.....	.....
1875..	331	40,768	2	192	6	2,039	687	443	618,327	22	51,900	361	2,579	17,876	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,013 15	.....	.....	6,342 84	.....	.....
1876..	352	42,819	12	198	7	2,700	870	481	622,090	23	49,000	380	2,741	19,352	11	\$ 8,267 88	\$ 756	.....	\$19,716 88	.....	.....	2,119 75	3,250 00	2,210 00	.....	.....	.....
1877..	353	44,256	5	193	9	2,571	816	523	661,775	26	48,600	384	2,870	21,250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1,637 95	.....	.....	2,751 78	.....	.....
1878..	340	45,254	6	202	10	2,464	668	494	660,820	26	32,800	374	2,625	20,181	11	7,634 63	694 160	48,473 03	\$303	1,581 65	.....	2,128 45	.....	.....	6,165 55	.....	.....
1879..	332	45,684	10	191	12	2,652	704	515	578,468	36	47,388	424	2,898	20,634	11	7,648 72	695 156	45,546 07	292	1,333 20	1,918 00	3,579 52	2,214 07	.....	\$ 303 35	.....	.....
1880..	343	46,428	15	198	13	2,503	840	511	527,898	40	47,293	432	2,823	22,562	11	7,749 28	704 161	54,119 14	336	1,517 10	2,326 60	4,691 50	2,612 30	.....	721 40	.....	.....
1881..	367	47,730	12	182	12	2,872	844	490	597,943	45	47,725	457	2,982	23,509	11	7,650 37	695 145	53,162 28	367	1,515 35	2,515 88	5,146 60	2,470 00	.....	1,406 00	.....	.....
1882..	324	46,137	6	181	10	2,189	624	521	570,861	46	62,900	478	2,989	23,682	10	7,711 43	771 157	51,248 61	327	1,595 54	2,936 78	6,577 58	2,197 85	.....	1,828 33	.....	.....
1883..	322	47,900	2	184	11	2,290	1,011	525	566,138	52	47,350	465	2,765	24,587	10	8,745 06	874 153	57,181 38	374	1,760 45	3,136 21	8,243 58	3,037 06	.....	1,492 06	\$1,631 44	.....
1884..	318	58,456	7	173	18	2,479	787	560	672,826	60	57,905	467	2,987	23,123	10	9,130 58	913 145	61,309 33	422	1,759 60	3,451 22	11,882 80	5,797 08	.....	1,761 45	2,561 10	.....
1885..	314	52,865	11	169	16	4,961	1,378	555	686,327	62	59,834	479	3,336	24,675	10	9,035 29	903 159	60,450 43	380	1,705 91	3,587 39	12,610 65	3,368 20	.....	1,844 43	2,163 65	.....
1886..	316	54,747	10	185	17	3,349	1,238	518	651,775	66	73,414	488	3,220	27,661	10	9,557 36	955 153	65,044 73	425	1,744 35	3,835 26	13,887 00	3,625 00	.....	2,706 28	2,763 24	.....
1887..	303	55,533	4	174	17	2,754	1,256	513	726,340	72	70,301	487	3,233	27,965	10	10,086 27	1,008 147	69,630 57	473	2,100 38	4,310 37	17,872 53	3,786 04	.....	2,755 72	3,372 93	.....
1888..	308	55,858	4	189	18	2,902	1,132	530	747,720	80	73,162	510	3,394	29,140	10	11,765 98	1,176 169	73,154 70	433	2,100 95	5,167 28	20,423 61	4,200 41	.....	5,266 15	3,816 31	.....
1889..	278	57,513	5	186	18	2,866	1,090	515	844,805	92	99,128	503	3,493	31,026	10	12,197 56	1,219 167	77,033 39	461	2,106 40	1,252 90	19,560 01	4,694 48	.....	4,147 52	4,034 08	.....
1890..	299	59,734	.....	180	22	2,877	1,324	527	867,959	101	105,143	531	3,493	30,921	10	11,549 19	1,154 170	77,953 21	467	2,693 48	1,133 30	18,070 85	4,861 72	.....	4,353 30	3,889 52	.....
1891..	302	59,102	.....	170	23	2,972	1,187	528	914,951	97	101,654	524	3,576	31,129	10	11,409 56	1,141 162	78,637 85	485	2,694 46	3,958 63	18,022 30	4,714 85	.....	4,769 86	4,317 92	.....
1892..	278	60,784	9	179	25	2,565	986	542	958,013	104	110,093	527	3,541	33,729	10	11,465 83	1,146 161	82,781 21	514	1,764 69	4,742 12	15,890 16	5,538 61	.....	3,198 05	3,863 06	.....
1893..	300	63,087	.....	178	24	3,424	1,130	551	973,021	117	117,516	556	3,616	32,439	10	11,561 84	1,156 164	81,325 02	495	1,740 16	4,403 33	12,728 31	5,620 34	.....	2,927 59	3,102 04	.....
1894..	323	66,246	6	176	20	3,400	1,194	551	1,004,213	118	116,795	567	3,911	34,283	10	11,214 31	1,121 166	81,479 49	491	1,772 11	4,965 65	11,990 56	6,100 90	.....	2,582 86	2,834 46	.....
1895..	297	66,594	.....	185	21	3,243	1,128	564	971,792	120	123,863	554	3,857	33,822	10	11,043 94	1,104 175	81,701 04	467	1,793 95	4,787 22	12,102 56	8,505 75	.....	3,195 77	2,853 66	.....
1896..	284	68,046	.....	198	21	2,706	975	582	1,030,866	123	128,418	562	3,849	34,735	10	11,091 59	1,109 188	80,503 78	428	1,786 09	4,751 43	11,330 72	6,636 65	.....	3,050 67	2,712 62	.....
1897..	294	67,079	9	190	21	2,372	896	589	1,040,265	128	132,828	574	4,065	34,691	10	11,626 12	1,162 190	81,727 54	430	1,776 38	4,781 52	11,506 69	6,884 05	.....	4,277 25	2,692 70	.....

In 1870 the North Alabama Conference was formed, and the territory of the Tennessee Conference reduced.

The salaries received by the preachers do not include sums that they received from the Domestic Mission Board.

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The figures in reference to salaries are not satisfactory, as the number of preachers include only those in full connection, and do not include local preachers serving as "supplies;" on the other hand, some of those on the "effective" list are connected with educational institutions, and still others are engaged in Connectional work. Of course these items cause our figures to be but approximately accurate, yet they are as nearly correct as we can make them. The loss of records by fire and otherwise has prevented making more detailed reports.

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